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# Report

*Town of*

**COLRAIN**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

— 1956 —

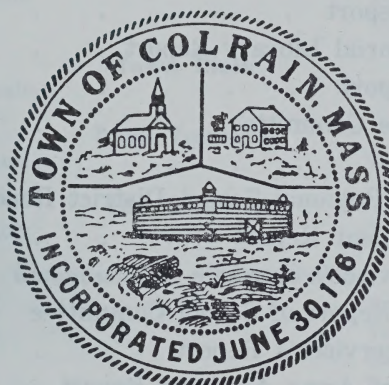




# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS



# 1956

Town of Colrain, Massachusetts

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# TOWN OFFICERS

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## Selectmen

Donald G. Shearer	Term expires 1958
Glenn T. Brown	Term expires 1957
Calvin P. Call	Term expires 1959

## Assessors

Harold L. Roberts	Term expires 1959
Robert B. Goodell	Term expires 1958
Frank S. Apte	Term expires 1957

## School Committee

James H. Cromack	Term expires 1958
Raymond E. Nichols	Term expires 1959
Louise O'Brien	Term expires 1957

## Town Clerk

Jeanette I. Tetreault	Term expires 1957
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## Town Treasurer

Jeanette I. Tetreault	Term expires 1957
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## Tax Collector

Jeanette I. Tetreault	Term expires 1957
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## Commissioner of Cemeteries

Robert E. Coombs	Term expires 1958
Alton J. Cromack	Term expires 1957
Carl V. Sewall	Term expires 1959

## Library Trustees

Rockwell E. Donelson	Term expires 1958
Raymond E. Nichols	Term expires 1957
Byron N. Scott	Term expires 1957
Beulah Gammell	Term expires 1959
Carl V. Sewall	Term expires 1959
Helen W. Call	Term expires 1957

## Tree Warden

Carl V. Sewall	Term expires 1957
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## Fence Viewers

Ernest W. Joy	Term expires 1957
Sanford W. Hager	Term expires 1957
Marshall K. Fairbanks	Term expires 1957

## Field Driver

Lawrence E. Shearer, Jr.	Term expires 1957
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### Constables

Donald G. Shearer	Term expires 1957
Osdin R. Lynde	Term expires 1957
Howard E. Schontag	Term expires 1957

### Auditor

Sarah W. Coombs	Term expires 1957
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### Caucus Committee

E. Elmer Stacy	Term expires 1957
John M. Coombs	Term expires 1957
Raymond E. Nichols	Term expires 1957

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1956

(all terms expire in 1957)

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	Donald G. Shearer
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen	Calvin P. Call
Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	Jeanette I. Tetreault
Pound Keeper	Lawrence J. Lively
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Carl V. Sewall
Dog Officer	Osdin R. Lynde
Public Weighers	Arthur M. Underwood
	Harold K. Herzig
Agent Board of Health	Dr. John H. Olson
Chief of Police	Donald G. Shearer
Welfare District Representative	Calvin P. Call
Supt. of Roads	Archie Worden
Veterans' Agent	Robert E. Scott
Veterans District Representative	Donald G. Shearer
Fire Chief	Clinton E. Gray
Measurers of Wood	Frederick J. Call
	Carl V. Sewall
	Clifford C. Carey
	Marshall K. Fairbanks
	Edmund Lively
Chairman of Board of Health	Donald G. Shearer

# TOWN WARRANT

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain, in the County of Franklin, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall in said Town, on *Monday the fourth day of February next, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your vote on one ballot for the following officers: One Town Clerk for one year, One Town Treasurer for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Tax Collector for three years, One School Committee member for two years, One Commissioner of Cemeteries for three years, Two Library Trustees for three years, One Library Trustee for one year, One Tree Warden for one year, Three Fence Viewers for one year, One Field Driver for one year, Three Constables for one year, One Auditor for one year, Three Caucus Committee members for one year.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of various town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to make the following appropriations and raise by taxation the required amount or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Sec. 1.	Bridges	\$ 2,000.00
Sec. 2.	Railings	400.00
Sec. 3.	Street Lights	1,125.00
Sec. 4.	Schools	95,400.00
Sec. 5.	Vocational Education	4,100.00
Sec. 6.	Public Welfare	3,500.00
Sec. 7.	Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Sec. 8.	Old Age Assistance	25,000.00
Sec. 9.	Disability Assistance	250.00
Sec. 10.	Soldiers' Benefits	7,500.00

Sec. 11.	Well Child Conference	75.00
Sec. 12.	Board of Health	225.00
Sec. 13.	Agent Board of Health	75.00
Sec. 14.	School and District and Substitute Nurse	2,600.00
Sec. 15.	All Other Town Officers	700.00
Sec. 16.	Incidentals	1,000.00
Sec. 17.	Town Reports and Ballots	600.00
Sec. 18.	Office Expense	400.00
Sec. 19.	Surety Bonds	225.00
Sec. 20.	Memorial Day	150.00
Sec. 21.	Library	1,000.00
Sec. 22.	Workmen's Compensation	1,250.00
Sec. 23.	Fire Protection	200.00
Sec. 24.	Treatment of Dog Bites as Required by Law	50.00
Sec. 25.	Care of Public Dump	400.00
Sec. 26.	Moth Work	400.00
Sec. 27.	Dutch Elm Work	300.00
Sec. 28.	Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Sec. 29.	Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	150.00
Sec. 30.	Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Sec. 31.	Town Lots—Branch Cemetery	50.00
Sec. 32.	Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Sec. 33.	Fire Pumper Maintenance	1,000.00
Sec. 34.	Fire Pumper Equipment	1,000.00
Sec. 35.	Selectmen	1,000.00
Sec. 36.	Assessors and Assessors' Clerk	1,100.00
Sec. 37.	School Committee	300.00
Sec. 38.	Town Clerk	550.00
Sec. 39.	Town Treasurer	650.00
Sec. 40.	Tax Collector	500.00
Sec. 41.	Constables	90.00
Sec. 42.	Tree Warden	20.00
Sec. 43.	Moderator	20.00
Sec. 44.	Defense	500.00
Sec. 45.	Winter Roads	5,000.00
Sec. 46.	Insurance on Trucks and Tractors	350.00
Sec. 47.	Insurance on Central School	121.03
Sec. 48.	School Loan and Interest	12,500.00
Sec. 49.	Machinery Maintenance	3,067.00
Sec. 50.	Maintenance of Town Office and Garage	1,800.00



Sec. 51.	Insurance on Town Building	50.00
Sec. 52.	Regional District Operating Budget and Capital Budget	1,479.60

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as posted by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Finance Committee as recommended by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, within a year and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than a year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Dog Fund the sum of \$463.61 to the Griswold Memorial Library or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,933.00 from the 1956 Machinery Earnings to the Machinery Maintenance or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will appropriate from the Merrifield Fund the sum of \$2,000.00 for Construction and Maintenance of the so-called Taylor Brook Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$590.00 for the Town's share in administration of Welfare or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Assessors' Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the 1956 Machinery Earnings the sum of \$2,738.00 for the first year payment on the Power Grader or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to purchase any machinery that the Selectmen deem necessary during the year or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Firemen's pay or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for land damage to the Kenneth Noyes property or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for land damage to the Rodney Krug property or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money to give one week paid vacation to all regular full time Town Highway employees or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum or sums

of money for the purpose of exchanging two International trucks or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public way approximately 800 feet of road as laid out by the Selectmen leading from the so-called Stranahan Road to the residence of Roland Call, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the construction of a new road leading from the so-called Stranahan Road to the residence of Roland Call, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL OPEN AT NOON AND  
CLOSE AT SEVEN-THIRTY P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Four Usual Places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

DONALD G. SHEARER,  
GLENN T. BROWN,  
CALVIN P. CALL,  
*Selectmen of Colrain.*

A true copy. Attest:

DONALD G. SHEARER, *Constable.*



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## Chapter #81

Town Appropriation		\$ 4,250.00
State Contract		23,875.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 1,794.70	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	1,501.25	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	1,364.45	
Dexter Shearer, Truck Driver	324.95	
Leo Looman, Laborer	1,037.30	
George Page, Laborer	321.70	
Douglas Shearer, Laborer	296.35	
Fred Hall, Laborer	567.60	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	347.50	
George Sturgeon, Laborer	61.25	
Harold Temple, Laborer	2.30	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	285.20	
John Miner, Laborer	231.80	
Timothy Hopps, Laborer	63.75	
James Kimberly, Laborer	75.00	
Forrest Gleason, Laborer	337.50	
Dennis King, Laborer	230.00	
Donald Shearer, Equipment & Labor	7,158.06	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	1,603.75	
Clarence J. Paye, Equipment	766.50	
Town of Shelburne, Equipment	9.00	
Town of Charlemont, Equipment	33.00	
William Blassberg, Equipment	57.00	
F. J. Call, Equipment	220.00	
Leslie Ormand, Equipment	10.00	
Earl Temple, Gravel	683.50	
F. J. Call, Gravel	271.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	526.34	
Transglobal Steel Co., Signs	35.18	
Kendall Mills, Gravel	51.00	
Koppers Co., Inc., Tar	2,106.17	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Chloride	178.00	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	914.84	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Material	780.08	
Edward Dobias, Gravel	40.50	
Colrain Machinery	3,337.50	
Expended		\$ 27,624.02
Unexpended		.98

### Chapter #90 Maintenance

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Treasury		4,000.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 103.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	94.50	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	92.35	
Dexter Shearer, Truck Driver	31.05	
Leo Looman, Laborer	36.25	
John Miner, Laborer	35.00	
Forrest Gleason, Laborer	58.75	
Dennis King, Laborer	51.25	
Douglas Shearer, Laborer	9.20	
Fred Hall, Laborer	57.50	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	57.50	
George Sturgeon, Laborer	30.00	
Donald Shearer, Labor & Equipment	327.70	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	238.00	
Clarence J. Paye, Equipment	87.50	
Town of Shelburne, Equipment	5.00	
Town of Charlemont, Equipment	24.00	
Colrain Machinery	316.50	
Independent Coal Tar Co., Tar	2,732.99	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	797.22	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Gravel	814.07	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 5,999.53
Unexpended		.47

### Chapter #90 Construction

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Transferred from Treasury		9,000.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 372.80	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	271.35	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	244.35	
Leo Looman, Laborer	246.25	
George Page, Laborer	261.25	
Douglas Shearer, Laborer	2.50	
Donald Shearer, Equipment and Labor	4,800.80	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	1,032.75	
Maurice Thompson, Equipment	147.11	
Colrain Machinery	496.50	
Edward Schnell, Fill	169.75	
John Bruso, Gravel	36.00	
Edward Dobias, Gravel	42.00	
Fred Hall, Gravel	226.00	
New England Metal Co., Culverts	875.62	

Koppers Co., Inc., Tar	333.42	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Stone	149.26	
Greenfield Farmers Exchange, Materials	13.19	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	55.50	
Expended		\$ 9,776.40
Unexpended		2,223.60

### Bridges

Town Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 16.00	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	42.40	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	24.30	
Leo Looman, Laborer	19.20	
George Page, Laborer	20.00	
Fred Hall, Laborer	15.00	
John Miner, Laborer	5.00	
Forrest Gleason, Laborer	10.00	
Dennis King, Laborer	10.00	
George Ballard, Labor & Materials	745.00	
C. A. Denison, Lumber	140.16	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	358.87	
Expended		\$ 1,405.93
Unexpended		2,094.07

### Merrifield Fund

Received		\$ 2,000.00
Balance carried forward		259.30
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 9.60	
Leo Looman, Laborer	7.50	
George Page, Laborer	7.50	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	80.75	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	85.00	
Clarence J. Paye, Equipment	28.00	
Maurice Thompson, Materials	64.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Stone	309.41	
Expended		\$ 591.76
Unexpended		1,667.54

### Winter Roads

Town Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Special Town Meeting, Transfer from Overlay Reserve		3,000.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 1,135.35	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	857.85	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	958.03	
Dexter Shearer, Truck Driver	890.58	



Leo Looman, Laborer	60.45	
George Page, Laborer	41.25	
Russell Denison, Laborer	2.50	
Fred G. Miller, Laborer	3.75	
Peter Purrington, Laborer	63.00	
Douglas Shearer, Laborer	6.25	
Glenn T. Brown, Laborer	6.75	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	36.80	
Edward Lively, Laborer	180.63	
Mackin Sand & Concrete Co., Materials	949.75	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., Chloride and Salt	580.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Equipment and Labor	1,449.00	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	438.25	
Expended		\$ 7,660.19
Unexpended		339.81

### **Railings High Street — Griswoldville**

Town Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 25.60	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	21.60	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	21.60	
Leo Looman, Laborer	20.00	
George Page, Laborer	20.00	
Douglas Shearer, Laborer	10.00	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	10.00	
H. Newell & Co., Materials	2.90	
Julius Blassberg, Materials	30.00	
Clifford Harris, Welding	8.00	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Cement	14.50	
George Ballard, Equipment	25.00	
Expended		\$ 209.20
Unexpended		90.80

### **Railings**

Town Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 51.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	32.40	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	10.80	
Dexter Shearer, Truck Driver	10.80	
Leo Looman, Laborer	40.00	
George Page, Laborer	10.00	
Lawrence Lively, Parts	28.29	
W. E. Aubuchon Co., Inc., Materials	6.61	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	36.00	
Expended		\$ 226.10
Unexpended		173.90

### Leonard Herzig Road

Town Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 36.80	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	31.05	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	25.65	
Leo Looman, Laborer	28.75	
George Page, Laborer	28.75	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	2.50	
Donald Shearer, Labor & Equipment	350.93	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	34.00	
Earl Temple, Gravel	28.00	
Expended	_____	\$ 566.43
Unexpended		33.57

### Catamount Hill Road

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 891.97
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 51.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	32.40	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	43.20	
Leo Looman, Laborer	20.00	
George Page, Laborer	20.00	
Donald Shearer, Labor & Equipment	622.80	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	102.00	
Expended	_____	\$ 891.60
Unexpended		.37

### Flood Damage — Lyonsville Bridge

Legal Overdraft		\$ 1,000.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 6.40	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	5.40	
C. A. Denison, Lumber	69.20	
George Ballard, Contractor	912.61	
Colrain Machinery	6.00	
Expended	_____	\$ 999.61
Unexpended		.39

### Flood — White, Archambo & Call Road & Bridge

Legal Overdraft		\$ 1,000.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 57.60	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	70.20	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	10.80	
Leo Looman, Laborer	65.00	
George Page, Laborer	35.00	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	21.25	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co., Cement	112.00	
Lyle Hall, Lumber	165.15	
Expended	_____	\$ 537.00
Unexpended		463.00

## Flood Damage Repair — October 14, 1955

Legal Overdraft		\$ 11,017.02
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 503.90	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	354.93	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	349.53	
Daniel Herzig, Laborer	93.15	
Leo Looman, Laborer	187.35	
John Miner, Laborer	96.25	
Forrest Gleason, Laborer	33.75	
Dennis King, Laborer	51.25	
Fred Hall, Laborer	83.75	
George Page, Laborer	35.00	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	118.75	
George Sturgeon, Laborer	5.00	
Donald Shearer, Labor & Equipment	4,344.75	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	613.25	
Clarence J. Paye, Equipment	385.00	
William Blassberg, Equipment	946.00	
Leslie Ormand, Equipment	50.00	
Colrain Machinery	446.50	
Earl Temple, Gravel	514.10	
Lawrence Lively, Posts	17.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	780.16	
Kendall Mills, Gravel	39.40	
Koppers Co., Inc., Tar	308.15	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., Cement	7.25	
The Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co., Materials	652.35	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 11,017.02
Received		10,570.52
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Legal Overdraft		\$ 446.50

### Machinery Earnings

Chapter #81	\$ 3,337.50	
Chapter #90 Maintenance	316.50	
Chapter #90 Construction	496.50	
Emergency Flood	446.50	
Lyonsville Bridge Flood Damage	6.00	
Unexpended	<hr/>	\$ 4,603.00

### Purchase of Machinery

Town Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Eastern Equipment Co., Equipment	190.00	
W. E. Aubuchon Co., Supplies	4.50	
Jurek Brothers, Inc., Equipment	152.81	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 347.31
Unexpended		152.69



## Machinery Maintenance

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,606.50
Transferred from 1955 Machinery Earnings		3,393.50
Special Town Meetings		3,300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		100.00
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 24.40	
Herbert Cady, Work on equipment	58.20	
Archie Worden, Jr., Work on equipment	38.90	
Leo Looman, Work on equipment	6.90	
Douglas Shearer, Work on equipment	4.60	
Dexter Shearer, Work on equipment	5.00	
Donald Shearer, Work on equipment	35.70	
A. R. Sandri, Gasoline	2,123.09	
I. Kramer & Sons, Repairs	8.90	
Krohnis Auto Service, Supplies	24.28	
Calvin Call, Shovel	3.00	
Bruffee Motor Sales, Repairs	219.92	
Streeter's Filling Station, Oil	14.75	
Clark Hardware Co., Supplies	9.95	
Floyd Benson, Repairs	23.00	
F. J. Call, Repairs & Materials	1,722.66	
C. J. Carpenter, Supplies	8.83	
H. Newll & Co., Materials	84.78	
Harold Allen, Repairs	1,217.57	
Edward Horrocks, Repairs	37.25	
Brattleboro Tractor Sales, Oil	4.25	
Clifford Harris, Welding	122.00	
Shelburne Farm Equipment Co., Supplies	11.11	
Construction Equipment Co., Supplies	631.18	
Frank Hance, Supplies	7.70	
Cowan Auto Supply, Supplies	9.45	
Hubbs Engine Co., Supplies	14.76	
Perkins Milton Co., Supplies	20.81	
Leon Zraunig, Oil	7.32	
Jurek Brothers Inc., Supplies	74.54	
Aubuchon Co., Supplies	1.05	
Eastern Equipment Sales, Supplies	61.51	
Ganes Surplus Co., Materials	143.50	
Glenn Brown, Pump and Tank	50.00	
Leo Burniske, Oil	87.45	
H. F. Davis Tractor Co., Supplies	44.90	
Central Petroleum Co., Supplies	179.15	
Federal Tool and Steel Co., Supplies	156.71	
Bruffee Motor Sales, Repairs	1,048.39	
Herbert Cady, Gasoline	1.00	

A. H. Ryan, Gasoline	14.00	
King & Thompson, Supplies	1.74	
Expended	<u>          </u>	\$ 8,364.20
Unexpended		35.80

#### **Purchase of Road Grader**

Loan, Shelburne Falls National Bank		\$ 11,938.00
Machinery Earnings		1,500.00
H. F. Davis Tractor Co., Grader	\$ 13,438.00	
Expended	<u>          </u>	\$ 13,438.00

#### **Purchase of Used Tractor**

Special Town Meeting — from Overlay Surplus Fund		\$ 1,750.00
H. F. Davis Tractor Co., Tractor	\$ 1,750.00	
Expended	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,750.00

#### **Town Garage Driveway**

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 157.00
Town Appropriation		200.00
		<u>          </u>
Unexpended		\$ 357.00

#### **Town Office & Garage Maintenance**

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		277.25
Leon Zraunig, Oil	\$ 1,082.57	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	137.30	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	169.70	
Carolyn Thompson, Insurance	87.80	
Stimson & Son, Insurance	25.16	
H. B. Mockler, Electrical Equipment	47.40	
Colrain Fire District, Water	2.67	
Ransel Frost, Services	7.10	
W. F. Koncal, Services	117.15	
Expended	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,676.85
Unexpended		100.40

#### **Office Expense**

Town Appropriation		\$ 400.00
H. L. Waste, Printing	\$ 32.06	
Leo G. Tetreault, Postmaster	250.33	

Hobbs & Warren, Forms	56.00	
Sawyer News Co., Supplies	24.90	
Burroughs, Supplies	20.32	
G. Gilbert Henry, Printing	8.50	
Barrett & Baker, Supplies	6.68	
Expended		\$ 398.79
Unexpended		1.21

### Incidentals

Town Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		33.97
Selectmen Association, Dues	\$ 21.00	
Town Clerk's Association, Dues	7.50	
Highway Department, Dues	5.00	
Assessors' Association, Dues	9.00	
Collectors & Treasurers Association, Dues	4.00	
H. L. Waste, Printing	8.70	
Franklin Registry of Deeds	20.40	
Hobbs & Warren, Forms	218.92	
Glenn T. Brown, Registration Plates	15.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Registration of Grader	3.00	
W. & L. E. Gurley, Supplies	11.96	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette, Notices	13.24	
Director of Accounts, Fee for Notes	10.00	
Sawyer News Co., Supplies	8.95	
Commissioner of Public Safety, Supplies	1.15	
Kendall Mills, Sign	3.50	
C. H. Demond, Supplies	20.25	
E. A. Hall, Printing	61.00	
Burroughs, Supplies	1.15	
King-Thompson, Supplies	3.80	
Todd Co., Supplies	5.50	
Leo G. Tetreault, Notary Public	2.50	
Leo G. Tetreault, Postmaster	5.00	
Samuel Blassberg, Services	450.00	
Robert Goodell, Assessor Expenses	1.00	
Harold Roberts, Assessor Expenses	2.00	
John Miner, Work on Common	36.60	
Ransel Frost, Services	6.35	
Osdin R. Lynde, Services	10.50	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Recording Vitals	67.00	
Expended		\$ 1,033.97

### Welfare Administration

Town Appropriation		\$ 840.00
Shelburne Falls Welfare District	\$ 840.00	
Expended		\$ 840.00



### **Public Welfare**

Town Appropriation	\$	3,500.00
Special Town Meetings		2,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		60.22
Expended	\$	5,560.22

### **Federal Grants O.A.A.**

Federal Grants Balance, January 1, 1956	\$	1,441.63
Receipts 1956		10,261.24
Cancelled Checks		91.24
Expended	\$	11,738.55
Unexpended		<u>55.56</u>

### **Old Age Assistance**

Town Appropriation	\$	19,000.00
Special Town Meeting		8,000.00
Cancelled Checks		42.20
Expended	\$	27,042.20

### **Federal Grants A.D.C.**

Federal Grants Balance, January 1, 1956	\$	835.51
Receipts 1956		1,857.00
Expended	\$	2,273.09
Unexpended		<u>419.42</u>

### **Aid to Dependent Children**

Town Appropriation	\$	2,500.00
Special Town Meeting		900.00
Expended	\$	3,340.19
Unexpended		<u>59.81</u>

### **Disability Assistance**

Town Appropriation	\$	250.00
Expended	\$	249.06
Unexpended		<u>.94</u>

### **Federal Disability Assistance**

Balance Carried Forward January 1, 1956	\$	122.63
Received 1956		39.00
Unexpended		<u>161.63</u>

### **Soldiers Benefits**

Town Appropriation	\$	6,000.00
Special Town Meetings		1,600.00

<b>Transferred from Reserve Fund</b>		<b>2.47</b>
Soldiers Benefits Cases	\$ 5,951.85	
Medical and Miscellaneous Expenses for cases	1,650.62	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 7,602.47

#### **District Nurse**

<b>Town Appropriation</b>		\$ 2,600.00
Hazel L. Pickwell	\$ 2,400.00	
Marion Stafford, Substitute Nurse	200.00	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 2,600.00

#### **Town Officers**

<b>Town Appropriation</b>		\$ 3,980.00
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Town Clerk, Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 1,600.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Chairman Bd. of Selectmen	400.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Selectman	300.00	
Calvin P. Call, Selectman	300.00	
Harold L. Roberts, Chairman Bd. of Assessors	250.00	
Robert E. Goodell, Assessor	250.00	
Frank S. Apte, Assessor	250.00	
Jeanette I. Tetreault, Assessors' Clerk	200.00	
James Cromack, School Committee	100.00	
Raymond E. Nichols, School Committee	100.00	
Louise O'Brien, School Committee	100.00	
Donald G. Shearer, Constable	30.00	
Howard Schontag, Constable	30.00	
Osdin R. Lynde, Constable	30.00	
Carl V. Sewall, Tree Warden	20.00	
C. Elmer Stacy, Moderator	20.00	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 3,980.00

#### **Other Town Officers**

<b>Town Appropriation</b>		\$ 700.00
<b>Transfer from Reserve Fund</b>		24.90
Charles E. Martin, Inspector of Animals and Inspector of Slaughtering	\$ 256.00	
Sarah W. Coombs, Auditor & Election Officer	60.75	
Ruth Schnell, Election Officer	9.25	
Leta Shearer, Election Officer	31.38	
Elaine Fairbanks, Election Officer	11.25	
Robert Coombs, Election Officer	22.38	
Bertha Roberts, Election Officer	16.63	
Juanita Demarais, Election Officer	21.13	
Theresa Hall, Election Officer	21.13	

Helen Brightman, Election Officer	5.00	
Florence Booth, Election Officer	4.50	
Barbara Call, Election Officer	3.00	
Douglas Call, Election Officer	9.00	
Carl Sewall, Sealer	42.00	
Ruth Upton, Registrar	20.00	
Helen Call, Registrar	20.00	
Edith Richardson, Registrar	20.00	
Jeanette Tetreault, Registrar	32.00	
Harold Roberts, Listing Women	30.00	
Frank Apte, Listing Women	30.00	
Robert Goodell, Listing Women	30.00	
Osdin Lynde, Dog Officer	29.50	
Expended		\$ 724.90

### Schools

Town Appropriation		\$ 86,625.00
Transferred from Vocational Education		1,200.00
Philip Hallowell, Superintendent	\$ 2,250.00	
Raymond Amnott, Teacher	4,109.97	
Gertrude Streeter, Teacher	3,666.64	
Marion Byron, Teacher	3,666.64	
Dorothy Quinn, Teacher	3,466.72	
Lyndal Denison, Teacher	3,666.64	
Ruby Root, Teacher	3,666.64	
Muriel Miller, Teacher	3,566.56	
Alice Streeter, Teacher	3,266.80	
Helen Carpenter, Teacher	3,066.72	
Ethel Werner, Teacher	60.00	
Margaret Lively, Teacher	72.00	
Ann Estes, Teacher	117.00	
Joan Coombs, Teacher	9.00	
Marjorie Smead, Teacher	108.00	
Wilma Wollenweber, Teacher	54.00	
Stanley Smithers, Music Teacher	1,119.28	
John J. Shea, Art Teacher	935.44	

### Transportation

Herbert Cady, Charles	60.00
Norman Coburn, Norman	69.60
Edwin Coombs, Russell	70.80
Ralph Crosier, Priscilla	72.00
Reuben Donelson, Robert	31.20
Herbert Gleason, Ronald	69.60
Donald Greason, Michael	40.00
Gerald Hall, Richard	71.60
Wilbert Herzig, Sally	71.60
Kenneth Kendrick	41.60



Fred C. Miller, Madeline	70.80
John Randolph, John	67.60
Harold Roberts, Carlton	53.10
Edward Schnell, Richard	42.80
Roy Terrill, Donald	50.10
Roy Terrill, Donald	53.10
Arthur O'Hara, Donald	60.00
R. W. Jurek, Jane	27.60
Robert Caswell, Errol	28.00
Clifford Cromack, Barbara	28.80
Oscar Desreuisseau, Fred	28.80
Daniel Herzig, Norman	24.00
Mrs. Adolph Galipo, J. Olivera	27.60
Katherine Willis, Dorothy	24.80

#### Other Payments

George Call, Janitor	2,933.28
Clara Martin, Janitor Work	58.80
Jane Rice, Janitor Work	18.24
Marion Call, Lunch Room	1,900.00
Pearl Rand, Clerk	786.20
Esther Anderson, Clerk	101.18
Philip Hallowell, Travel	247.79
Philip Hallowell, Petty Cash	20.00
Stanley Smithers, Travel	79.55
John J. Shea, Travel	37.65
Harper Gerry, Postage	16.77
William Rinehart, Supt.	450.00
Charles Dumas, Transportation	2,992.00
Glenn T. Brown, Transportation	9,615.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Company	293.56
Royal Call, Janitor Work	55.00
Donald G. Wood, Rent	84.00
The American Book Co., Supplies	3.50
American Electric Supply Co., Supplies	6.70
Franklin Fuel Co., Fuel	75.35
Arthur Craft Publications, Supplies	11.76
Houghton Muffin Co., Supplies	73.36
Ginn and Co., Supplies	638.96
Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	929.09
W. E. Aubuchon, Materials	32.01
Sawyer News Co., Supplies	3.90
Beckley-Cardy Co., Supplies	50.32
Jermiah Donovan Co., Supplies	102.68
Ware Fuel Co., Fuel	145.96
Gerald Wall, Fuel	30.11
Springfield Office Supply Co., Supplies	3.75

Cascade Paper Co., Materials	168.42
J. L. Hammett, Supplies	514.32
Milton Bradley Co., Supplies	57.84
Maino Trading Co., Supplies	90.99
Gledhill Bros. Co., Supplies	41.13
H. L. Waste, Printing	44.50
Rowe Peterson & Co., Supplies	6.70
The Rowe Pencil Co., Supplies	31.50
Lodge Petroleum Corp., Materials	656.05
R. W. Hoyt, Supplies	99.08
Educational Clinic, Supplies	3.00
C. F. Williams & Son, Supplies	3.31
Anne Burgess, Supplies	1.50
World Book Co., Books	79.13
Bureau of Publications, Books	82.18
Beaudette & Co., Supplies	5.63
Webster Publications, Supplies	26.08
Kenmore House, Supplies	19.68
Ditto Inc., Supplies	6.96
Town of Shelburne, Tuition	21,791.87
Town of Greenfield, Tuition	258.09
Town of Montague, Tuition	182.80
Town of Wellesley, Tuition, Carol Purington	480.10
City of Boston, Tuition, Carol Purington	111.74
Forbes Synder Co., Supplies	40.00
H. Newell & Co., Materials	2.22
Conklin Office Supply Co., Supplies	87.84
John Geiger, Repairs	2.50
C. W. Ward, Express	15.00
Marion Call, Supplies	7.00
John H. Olson, Health	150.00
Scott Foresman Co., Supplies	107.82
American Book Co., Supplies	27.14
Mass. Education Film Corp., Supplies	28.27
The Academic Press Co., Supplies	16.15
Blassberg's, Supplies	65.13
Edward Canter, Supplies	50.90
Lawrence Lively, Materials	74.00
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co., Supplies	194.95
Kendall Mills, Materials	7.80
King & Thompson, Supplies	42.19
Norcross-Eldridge, Inc., Supplies	150.50
J. M. Blassberg, Travel	11.55
George Mirick, Insurance	11.75
Wright & Potter, Printing	8.02
Pittsfield Typewriter Co., Equipment	31.40
Edward Hutchinson, Supplies	2.50

Hearne Brothers, Supplies	37.50	
News, Map of the Week, Supplies	19.75	
The Grade Teacher, Supplies	2.50	
James Brine Co., Supplies	8.96	
Martin & Murray Co., Supplies	38.25	
F. E. Compton & Co., Supplies	120.66	
Ray Smith, Supplies	38.35	
Ray Amnott, Supplies	8.45	
Acme Chemical Co., Materials	27.94	
F. J. Call, Materials	33.43	
Phillip Gammell, Repairs	8.00	
C. J. Carpenter & Son, Repairs	13.48	
H. S. Swan, Supplies	6.80	
Brattleboro Roofing, Repairs	39.84	
Franklin Sanitary, Services	47.50	
Independent Coal & Tar Co., Repairs	160.30	
Mass. Assoc. of School Committee, Supplies	25.00	
Bloom's Photo Supply Co., Supplies	20.00	
E. W. Cromack Co., Supplies	63.40	
Standard Electric Time Co., Supplies	35.00	
American Education Publications, Supplies	117.90	
Junior Scholastic, Supplies	38.50	
M. D. Stetson Co., Supplies	20.20	
American Assoc. of School Adm., Supplies	10.00	
Louise O'Brien, Census	40.00	
Lyons & Carnahan, Supplies	8.53	
Gibbon's Music, Supplies	20.86	
John D. Whittier, Supplies	13.74	
Baker Pharmacy, Supplies	3.89	
Marshall Looman, Repairs	3.00	
C. A. Gregory Co., Repairs	6.00	
E. H. Hartley Co., Repairs	16.85	
Business Equipment Co., Repairs	22.00	
American School Journal, Supplies	4.00	
Bobbs Merrill Co., Inc., Supplies	11.44	
Geo. Sheldon, Fuel	701.96	
Expended		\$ 87,540.83
Unexpended		284.17

### Vocational Education

Town Appropriation		\$ 7,500.00
Robert Caswell, Errol	\$	43.20
Robert Caswell, Vernon		42.40
Clifford Cromack, Barbara		43.60
Floyd Galbraith, David		43.60
George Farrington, Roger		70.40
Herbert Gleason, Forrest		66.80



Mrs. Adolph Galipo, J. Olivera	42.80	
Clarence J. Paye, David	32.10	
William Ryan, Francis Pike	42.40	
William Purrington, David	30.30	
Harold Roberts, Raymond	32.10	
Kenneth Terrill, Janet	26.00	
Katherine Willis, Dorothy	37.20	
John Bruso, Judith	28.40	
Town of Greenfield	19.20	
Town of Montague	8.40	
Town of Shelburne	5,066.52	
Expended		\$ 5,675.42
Transferred to School Appropriation		1,200.00
Unexpended		\$ 624.58
<b>Regional School Planning Board</b>		
Balance Carried Forward		\$ 200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		27.83
Regional School Board	\$ 227.83	
Expended		\$ 227.83
<b>Regional School Assessment</b>		
Special Town Meeting		\$ 766.34
Regional School Board	\$ 766.34	
Expended		\$ 766.34
<b>Special School Lunch</b>		
Carried Forward 1956		\$ 279.68
Lunch Room Sales		7,498.74
U.S.D.A. Claims		4,019.83
Natalie Worden	\$ 955.50	
Rebecca Coutu	945.50	
Greenfield Dairy Co., Food	2,322.65	
Snow's Nice Cream Co., Food	842.86	
Mohawk Orchard, Food	6.00	
H. R. Donelson & Sons, Food	93.60	
Megowen, Educator Food Co., Food	204.16	
Byron N. Scott, Food	27.60	
Marshall Smith, Supplies	7.00	
Wilson's Inc., Supplies	1.80	
Berkshire Frosted Foods Co., Food	2,320.74	
King-Thompson, Food	1,261.43	
John Sexton & Co., Supplies	839.65	
Springfield Sugar & Products Co., Food	208.19	
C. A. Ward, Inc., Services	39.37	
Cascade Paper Co., Supplies	144.64	

R. W. Hoyt Co., Supplies	88.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	42.70	
General Baking Co., Food	437.68	
National Ticket Co., Supplies	8.29	
C. T. Avery, Food	26.40	
Clark Hardware, Supplies	10.20	
Refrigerator Service, Supplies	470.00	
Marion Call, Petty Cash	5.00	
Barrett & Baker, Supplies	3.95	
Freezer Locker, Food	53.90	
Expended		\$ 11,366.81
Unexpended		431.44

### Grading School Drive

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 81.22
Transferred from Reserve Fund		3.98
Archie Worden, Superintendent	\$ 3.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	2.70	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	2.70	
Dexter Shearer, Truck Driver	2.70	
Leo Looman, Laborer	18.75	
John Miner, Laborer	16.25	
Dennis King, Laborer	2.50	
Forrest Gleason, Laborer	2.50	
Fred Hall, Laborer	2.50	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer	2.50	
Donald Shearer, Labor & Equipment	11.90	
Robert Goodell, Equipment	17.00	
Expended		\$ 85.20

### Town Reports & Ballots

Town Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		61.49
E. A. Hall & Co., Printing	\$ 661.49	
Expended		\$ 661.49

### Street Lights

Town Appropriation		\$ 900.00
Town Appropriation for Additional Lights		300.00
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$ 862.00	
Expended		\$ 862.00
Unexpended		338.00

### Quintus Allen Fund

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 1,174.91
Received		400.00
Glidhill Brothers, Supplies	\$ 32.00	
Sweets Express	2.13	

Valley Cinema Inc., Supplies	405.92	
Expended		\$ 440.05
Unexpended		1,134.86

### Monthly Deductions

Shelburne Falls National Bank,		
Withholding Tax	\$ 7,623.73	
Mass. Teachers Retirement System	1,820.28	
County of Franklin Retirement System	814.44	
Washington National Insurance Company	104.40	
Massachusetts Hospital Service	655.75	
Expended		\$ 11,018.60

### Care of Dump

Town Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Harold Temple	\$ 54.00	
Dexter B. Shearer	250.00	
Archie Worden, Superintendent	3.20	
Herbert Cady, Truck Driver	2.70	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver	2.70	
Leo Looman, Laborer	2.50	
George Page, Laborer	2.50	
Donald Shearer, Equipment	40.50	
Earl Temple, Gravel	6.00	
Expended		\$ 364.10
Unexpended		35.90

### Defense

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$ 12.00	
Helen Sewall, Postage	2.28	
Frank Cutting, Supplies	7.00	
Leon Zraunig, Oil	12.78	
Henry Patterson, Repairs	2.00	
F. J. Call, Supplies	1.85	
Expended		\$ 37.91
Unexpended		162.09

### Fire Protection

Town Appropriation		\$ 200.00
David Jones, Fire fighting	\$ 2.00	
William Herzig, Fire fighting	3.00	
Dexter Shearer, Fire fighting	4.00	
Glenn T. Brown, Fire fighting	2.00	
Oscar Lagerberg, Fire fighting	2.00	
Albert Galipault, Fire fighting	3.00	
Phillip Gammell, Fire fighting	2.00	
Lewis Bailey, Fire fighting	5.00	



Clinton Gray, Fire fighting	8.00	
Frank Cutting, Fire fighting	7.00	
Archie Worden, Sr., Fire fighting	2.00	
Robert Coutu, Fire fighting	2.00	
Edward Lively, Fire fighting	5.00	
Robert Bruno, Fire fighting	2.00	
Colrain Fire District, Fire protection	50.00	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 99.00
Unexpended		101.00

### New Fire Pumper

Balance Carried Forward		\$ 3,250.00
Farrar Company, Fire pumper	\$ 3,250.00	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 3,250.00

### Fire Pumper

Town Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Halligan & Warner, Insurance	\$ 253.95	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	176.20	
Ronald Scott, Gasoline	13.65	
Farrar Co., Equipment	24.80	
American LaFrance Corp., Equipment	7.51	
Tri-State Mutual Aid, Book	6.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	28.65	
Streeter's Filling Station, Gasoline	78.36	
Greenfield Fire Equipment Co., Equipment	103.05	
E. S. Kendrick, Repairs	4.50	
Harold Allen, Supplies	371.32	
The Fyr Fyter Co., Supplies	65.00	
Harry Lovell Co., Equipment	514.50	
The National Alliance Co., Supplies	25.00	
C & J Sales, Supplies	30.40	
Commonwealth of Mass., Equipment	85.00	
F. J. Call, Supplies & Gasoline	99.12	
Fire Engineering Co., Book	6.00	
H. P. Davenport, Supplies	9.90	
Leo G. Tetreault, Notary	3.50	
Clinton Gray, Supplies	19.55	
Barrett & Baker, Supplies	44.95	
Dexter Shearer, Work on Equipment	10.00	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 1,980.91
Unexpended		19.09

### 1955 Excise Refund

Oscar Lagerberg	\$ 4.67
Harold Herzig	2.67
Walter Williams	7.56
Glenn Brown	7.34

Gordon Denison	13.34	
Expended	<hr/>	\$ 35.58

### 1956 Excise Refund

Ransel Frost	\$ 5.44
Hendrick Miller	37.42
Henry Patterson	16.33
Carolyn Olson	10.21
Lawrence Shearer	8.89
William Goodell	24.95
George Mayberry	2.27
Anna Hickey	6.17
Edwin Joy	8.17
Ethel Platner	2.63
Howard Gooley, Jr.	5.44
George Herzig	2.35
Basil Hoffman	6.35
Wilfred Demarais	5.44
Ralph Streeter	34.93
Herman Herzig	22.68
Harry Giffin, Jr.	6.17
Linwood Phillips	19.77
Lafave Gammell	6.17
Ernest Bruno	6.17
Smead Hillman	19.77
John Hollister	6.17
Fred Gilderdale	3.44
Lewis Bailey	19.77
Edna Cromack	48.99
John Coburn	63.50
John Coburn	54.88
Herman D. Herzig	6.17
Russell Denison	34.70
Floyd Galbraith	5.44
Donald Shearer	6.12
Coombs Brothers	1.81
Robert Richmond	6.17
Howard Stowe	4.08
Henry Thibodeau	2.72
Earl Harold	3.40
Catherine Willis	5.44
Velma Aiken	7.26
Van Buren Hopps	7.98
Raymond Nichols	12.70
Milton Booth	3.40
Harold Brigham	5.44
Lewis Bailey	2.27

Floyd Benson	4.54	
Ernest Richardson	4.76	
S. LeRoy York	10.21	
Sidney Phillips	26.54	
Charles E. Martin	4.76	
Alton Cromack	3.40	
Bernard Hall	6.17	
Sadie Carey	7.26	
Herbert Gleason	19.77	
George Call	21.55	
Ronald Pollard	6.17	
Frank Apte	4.76	
Walter York	2.35	
Clinton Gray	39.92	
Oscar Warriner	6.17	
Calvin Rogers	2.35	
Donald Avery	4.76	
Wayne Tinkham	10.89	
Robert Brightman	15.65	
Leo Tetreault	4.54	
Richard Bellor	18.14	
Gerald Hall	6.17	
Harold Foddy	5.44	
Robert Lebert	6.17	
Joseph Gordon, Jr.	32.66	
Richard Brooks	5.44	
Kenneth McCloud	4.08	
Herbert Guyette	14.52	
Leslie Hicks	2.35	
Edward Schnell	3.44	
Wendell Eaton	7.94	
Bernice Caron	6.12	
Harold Temple	6.80	
Harold Temple	4.12	
Harold Temple	3.44	
Oscar Desreuisseau	6.17	
Euna Lamorie	8.89	
Expended		\$ 917.98

#### Board of Health

Town Appropriation		\$ 225.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		7.00
John H. Olson, M. D.	\$ 175.00	
Mrs. George Coombs, Nutritionist	45.00	
Theresa Hall, Clinic	7.50	
Greenfield Public Hospital	4.50	
Expended		\$ 232.00

### Well Child Conference

Town Appropriation		\$	75.00
John H. Olson, M. D.	\$	75.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 75.00

### Agent Board of Health

Town Appropriation		\$	75.00
John H. Olson, M. D.	\$	75.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 75.00

### Dog Bites

Town Appropriation		\$	50.00
Unexpended			50.00

### Dog Licenses

County Treasurer, Licenses	\$	559.60	
County Treasurer, Sale of Dogs		3.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 562.60

### Moth Work

Town Appropriation		\$	400.00
Pioneer Valley Spray Service	\$	110.50	
Hinkley Tree Service		234.00	
Carl V. Sewall		54.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 398.50
Unexpended			1.50

### Dutch Elm Work

Town Appropriation		\$	300.00
Leslie Kelley, Tree Work	\$	32.75	
Carl V. Sewall, Tree Work		78.00	
Archie Worden, Jr., Truck Driver		6.75	
Calvin D. Call, Laborer		3.75	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 121.25
Unexpended			178.75

### Workmen's Compensation

Town Appropriation		\$	1,100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			151.00
George Mirick & Son	\$	986.02	
Travelers Insurance Co.		264.98	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 1,251.00

### School Loan & Interest

Town Appropriation		\$	12,700.00
Shelburne Falls National Bank,			
Principal and Interest	\$	12,700.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 12,700.00



### Care of Veterans' Graves

Town Appropriation	\$	25.00
Unexpended		25.00

### Memorial Day

Town Appropriation	\$	150.00
Arms Academy Band	\$	75.00
American Legion Post #43, Speaker		25.00
Sawyer News Co., Flags		19.70
Expended	_____	\$ 119.70
Unexpended		30.30

### Use of Memorial Hall

Town Appropriation	\$	500.00
American Legion Post #43	\$	500.00
Expended	_____	\$ 500.00

### Library Association

Town Appropriation	\$	800.00
Dog Fund Appropriation		469.68
Carl V. Sewall, Treasurer	\$	1,269.68
Expended	_____	\$ 1,269.68

### Chandler Hill Cemetery

Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
Robert E. Coombs	\$	50.00
Expended	_____	\$ 50.00

### Christian Hill Cemetery

Town Appropriation	\$	35.00
Robert Coombs	\$	35.00
Expended	_____	\$ 35.00

### Branch Cemetery — Town Lots

Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
Clayton Barry, Treasurer	\$	50.00
Expended	_____	\$ 50.00

### Insurance on School Building

Town Appropriation	\$	150.00
Carolyn O. Thompson	\$	120.36
Expended	_____	\$ 120.36
Unexpended		29.64

### Insurance on Town Building

Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
Carolyn O. Thompson	\$	21.42
Expended	_____	\$ 21.42
Unexpended		28.58

### Insurance on Town Trucks

Town Appropriation		\$	350.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			6.26
Halligan and Warner Insurance	\$	356.26	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 356.26

### Insurance on Seals & Scales

Town Appropriation		\$	32.59
Carolyn O. Thompson	\$	32.59	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 32.59

### Surety Bonds

Town Appropriation		\$	200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			24.00
George D. Mirick & Son	\$	219.00	
Stimson & Son		5.00	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 224.00

### Collectors Expense on Tax Titles

Town Appropriation		\$	25.00
Unexpended			25.00

### Colrain History

Balance Carried Forward		\$	1,764.51
B. R. Alexander Co., Insurance	\$	9.50	
Fetz Warehouse Corp., Storage		20.04	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 29.54
Unexpended			\$ 1,734.97

### Miscellaneous Payments

Veterans Center 1956 Assessment	\$	624.00	
County of Franklin: Assessed by			
Retirement System		1,043.30	
County Treasurer, County Tax		8,844.67	
Commonwealth of Mass., State Parks		368.07	
Commonwealth of Mass., Auditing		866.56	
Kemp & Browning, Dividends		30.18	
North River Cemetery Assoc., Dividends		5.03	
Wild Cat Bounty		50.00	
Oliver Plant, Real Estate Refund		1.80	
Kenneth McCloud, Real Estate Refund		23.40	
Overpayment on 1956 Taxes:			
Howard Hart		10.80	
Carlton Davenport		14.40	
Expended		<u>          </u>	\$ 11,882.21
TOTAL PAYMENTS			\$315,900.75

### Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Assessors' Overlay		\$ 2,000.00
Town Reports and Ballots	\$ 61.49	
Workmen's Compensation	151.00	
Insurance on Town Trucks	6.26	
School Planning Board	27.83	
School Driveway	3.98	
Board of Health	7.00	
Soldiers Benefits	2.47	
Surety Bonds	24.00	
Welfare	60.22	
Town Office and Garage Maintenance	277.25	
Machinery Maintenance	100.00	
Other Town Officers	24.90	
Incidentals	33.97	

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD G. SHEARER, Chairman

GLENN T. BROWN,

CALVIN P. CALL,

Board of Selectmen

## Appropriations Recommended by the Finance Committee

Highway, Chapter #81	\$ 4,250.00
Construction, Chapter #90	3,000.00
Maintenance, Chapter #90	2,000.00
Bridges	2,000.00
Railings	400.00
Street Lights	1,125.00
Schools	95,400.00
Vocational Education	4,100.00
Public Welfare	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00
Disability Assistance	250.00
Soldier's Benefits	7,500.00
Well Child Conference	75.00
Board of Health	225.00
Agent, Board of Health	75.00
School and District & Sub. Nurse	2,600.00

All Other Town Officers	700.00
Incidentals	1,000.00
Town Reports and Ballots	600.00
Office Expense	400.00
Surety Bonds	225.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Library	1,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,250.00
Fire Protection	200.00
Treatment of Dog Bites as Required by Law	50.00
Care of Public Dump	400.00
Moth Work	400.00
Dutch Elm Work	300.00
Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	150.00
Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Town Lots — Branch Cemetery	50.00
Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Fire Pumper Maintenance	1,000.00
Fire Pumper Equipment	1,000.00
Selectmen	1,000.00
Assessors and Assessors' Clerk	1,100.00
School Committee	300.00
Town Clerk	550.00
Town Treasurer	650.00
Tax Collector	500.00
Constables	90.00
Tree Warden	20.00
Moderator	20.00
Defense	500.00
Winter Roads	5,000.00
Insurance on Trucks and Tractors	350.00
Insurance on Central School	121.03
School Loan and Interest	12,500.00
Machinery Maintenance	5,000.00
Maintenance of Town Office and Garage	1,800.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	100.00
Regional District Operating Budget and Capital Budget	1,479.60

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\$195,015.63

## List of Finance Committee

Clifford W. Avery  
Lawrence E. Shearer  
Charles E. Martin  
Marshall K. Fairbanks

Robley D. Snively  
Lawrence J. Lively  
Robert E. Coombs  
Carl V. Sewall

Joseph Jurek, Jr.



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## Dog Licenses

### Licenses issued 1956:

Males, 126 @\$2.00	\$252.00	
Females, 34 @\$5.00	170.00	
Spayed, 67 @\$2.00	134.00	
Kennel Licenses, 5 @\$10.00	50.00	
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		\$606.00
Fees retained, 232 @\$.20	46.40	
Payment to Treasurer	559.60	
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		\$606.00

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,  
Town Clerk.

## Sporting Licenses

### Licenses issued 1956:

Resident citizens' Fishing, 58 @\$3.25	\$ 188.50	
Resident citizens' Hunting, 107 @\$3.25	347.75	
Resident citizens' Sporting, 95 @\$5.25	498.75	
Resident citizens' Minor Fishing, 32 @\$1.25	40.00	
Resident citizens' Female Fishing, 30 @\$2.25	67.50	
Resident citizens' Minor Trapping, 1 @\$2.25	2.25	
Resident citizens' Trapping, 2 @\$7.75	15.50	
Non-resident citizens' Special Fishing, 3 @\$2.75	8.25	
Non-resident citizens' Fishing, 3 @\$7.75	23.25	
Non-resident citizens' Hunting, 4 @\$15.25	61.00	
Duplicate licenses, 2 @\$.50	1.00	
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		\$1,253.75
Payment to Division of Fisheries and Game	1,170.00	
Fees Retained	83.75	
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		\$1,253.75

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,  
Town Clerk.

# **BIRTHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1956**

Date	Name of Child	Parents
<b>JANUARY</b>		
4	David Michael Crosier, Jr.	David Michael Crosier Carol May Spencer
6	Charlene Marie Brothers	Warren Lee Brothers Marlene Beatrice Graziola
8	Bradley Byron Brigham	Harold K. Brigham Lillian P. Hubbard
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
19	James Dennis Beaulieu	Thomas Orlando Beaulieu Margaret Louise Harty
22	Lorraine Jean Roy	Aldor E. Roy Bernice S. Wood
<b>MARCH</b>		
4	Nancy Jeanne Kelley	Edward Leslie Kelley Margaret Eleanore Cook
7	Michael Stanley Herzig	Stanley Phillip Herzig Pauline Ethel Reynolds
14	Richard James Kingsbury	Richard Gilmore Kingsbury Christina Mary Herzig
<b>APRIL</b>		
3	Steven Frederick Call	Frederick Roger Call Barbara Elizabeth Ainsworth
<b>MAY</b>		
13	Roger Wilfred Lively	Alphonse Emil Lively Rita Lillian Sheridan
18	Roland Arthur Caron, Jr.	Roland A. Caron Bernice Brown
<b>JUNE</b>		
11	Lucinda Pike	David Bennet Pike Gloria Jeuvellis
13	Andrew Muir Moe	Archibald D. Moe Nancy K. Hollister
21	Steven R. Crowningshield	Howard C. Crowningshield Barbara Jean Turner
21	Laurel Ann Herzig	Herman D. Herzig Ethel E. Clark
26	Susan Margaret Goodell	Robert B. Goodell Leola M. Smith
27	Robin Lee Shearer	Dexter Brian Shearer Judithe Anne Hood
29	Lorraine Mae Lynch	Jeremiah Lynch Ruth E. Herzig
<b>JULY</b>		
14	Lonny James Black	David James Black Ruth Sarah Winn

17	Lori Anne Hale	Ernest B. Hale
		Catherine H. Demarais
25	Holly Marie Richardson	Roy H. Richardson
		Marilyn T. Miller
30	Karen Re Herzig	Herman G. Herzig, Jr.
		Carol B. Brothers
AUGUST		
5	Barbara Jean Saunders	Charles W. Saunders
		Frances Wilma Knights
9	Craig Alan Tirrell	Raymond Francis Tirrell
		Helen Amnott
27	Laurie Jean Giard	Raymond A. Giard
		Norma Jean Herzig
SEPTEMBER		
2	Timothy Desreuisseau	Oscar A. Desreuisseau
		Marcia C. Hall
10	Michael Walter Donelson	Walter Alfred Donelson
		Shirley Rena Scott
12	Barbara Ann Sturgeon	George Sturgeon
		Gladyce Bonita Howe
14	William Harry Schneider	Walter Albert Schneider
		Mary Martha Dimond
OCTOBER		
4	Vicky Ellen Coutu	John Edward Coutu
		Cecile Agnes Corbiere
15	Jayne Lynn Giguere	Walter John Giguere
		Evelyn May Hall
17	Gregory Roger Herzig	Roger M. Herzig
		Rose Mabel Hayes
19	Joel Kerry Amnott	Raymond Linwood Amnott
		Edna Louise Davis
NOVEMBER		
14	Paul George Grechel	John George Grechel
		Arlene Marion Herzig
18	Earl Joseph Harold, Jr.	Earl Joseph Harold
		Theresa Harriet Bezio
29	Christine Marie Denison	Marshall Lee Denison
		Claire Theresa Nadeau
DECEMBER		
5	Valerie Gail Coutu	Wilfred Joseph Coutu
		Jean Pauline Stone
13	Alexander Merrill Ryan	William Henry Ryan
		Florence Marie Pike
20	Kenneth Alan Purington	Herbert G. Purington
		Barbara Ella Page
26	Irene Marie Hicks	Leslie Ralph Hicks
		Annie Mildred Gough

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1956

Date	Contracting Parties	by Whom and Where Married
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
18	Russell D. Burdick Mary J. (Tinney) Ewart	Rev. Charles Christianson Dalton, Mass.
<b>MAY</b>		
26	John Lawless Claire E. Ferguson	Rev. Wayne Moody Buckland, Mass.
<b>JUNE</b>		
23	James E. Coutu Joan E. Williams	Rev. Francis Warhwtton Athol, Mass.
23	Roger C. Temple Jean F. Coombs	Rev. Robert Brightman Colrain, Mass.
23	Robert E. Seyfert Lorraine M. Higgins	Rev. Francis Shannon Colrain, Mass.
30	Reed C. Barker Pauline L. Denison	Rev. Robert Brightman Colrain, Mass.
30	Edward C. Peters Marguerite A. (Alger) Hinman	William J. Cunningham Greenfield, Mass.
<b>JULY</b>		
1	Linwood E. Rowland, Jr. Janice R. Lively	Rev. Wayne Moody Buckland, Mass.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
1	Rodney W. Miller Jane Percy	Rev. Robert Brightman Colrain, Mass.
8	Milton H. Herzig Jane H. Billiel	Rev. Anthony J. Jutt Colrain, Mass.
15	Eric D. Temple Marlene C. Miller	Rev. Anthony J. Jutt Colrain, Mass.
15	David Melvin Kelley Althea Eva Davenport	Rev. Harold W. Curtis Colrain, Mass.
22	Donald R. Schechterle Janice Richardson	Rev. John A. Shaw Goshen, Mass.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
3	Donald K. Caron Mary B. Small	Rev. Francis E. Shannon Colrain, Mass.
10	Francis A. Stanley Jo-ann M. Miller	Rev. Anthony J. Jutt Colrain, Mass.
17	Donald J. Cummings Florence M. Johnson	Rev. Louis F. Kirlin Shelburne Falls, Mass.
17	Donald R. Avery June E. Goodnow	Rev. John D. Mowrey Buckland, Mass.



## DEATHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Place of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
1	Charles Julius Carpenter	Colrain	78	5	9
21	Annie Bates Johnson	Colrain	58	10	30
<b>MAY</b>					
3	William Robert Henry				
	Knowles Newton	Colrain	80	7	4
17	William Taylor Purrington	Colrain	52	7	25
<b>JUNE</b>					
22	Edna Kirk Snively	Greenfield	86	0	11
23	Ellen M. Storms	Springfield	63	0	10
<b>JULY</b>					
24	Frank Guyette	Colrain	86	11	28
25	Vina (Fortin) Coburn	Colrain	80	3	14
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
2	Timothy Desreuisseau	Greenfield	0	0	0
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
14	Noah Henry Coburn	Colrain	62	1	7
17	John W. Pitt	Boston	88	1	13
18	Alexsina (Coutu) Barry	Greenfield	54	2	3
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
16	Arthur Francis O'Hara	Greenfield	52	11	29
30	Harry B. Gilderdale	Colrain	90	5	26

## JURY LIST

Robert E. Coombs	Farmer
Kenneth W. Barnes, Jr.	Textile Worker
Floyd M. Galbraith	Textile Worker
Lawrence D. Harris	Farmer
Howard A. Gooley, Jr.	Store Keeper
George H. Farrington	Farmer
Lawrence E. Shearer, Jr.	Farmer
Frederick J. Call	Garage Keeper
Phillip J. Gammell	Textile Worker
A. Dean Hillman	Farmer
Osdin R. Lynde	Farmer
Charles R. Dumas	Farmer
Edward B. Stowe	Farmer
Ina M. Nichols	Textile Worker
Yvonne B. Dumas	Housewife

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash Balance, January 1, 1956 \$ 72,068.95

Taxes :

1954, Real Estate	\$ 378.08
1954, Personal	14.00
1955, Real Estate	7,486.39
1955, Personal	2,850.10
1955, Motor Vehicle Excise	817.14
1956, Poll	790.00
1956, Real Estate	76,810.96
1956, Personal	27,495.73
1956, Motor Vehicle Excise	12,513.40
Interest on Taxes	123.47

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Income Taxes	4,247.50
Corporation Taxes	12,369.94
Loss of Taxes	348.35
Meal Tax	682.72
Animal Inspections	43.50

School Aid

Construction	\$ 4,297.40
Chapter #70	10,600.00
	<hr/> 14,897.40

Loan: Power Grader	11,938.00
School Superintendent	1,244.49
Vocational Education	6,431.42
Tuition of Children	1,401.04

Aid for Highways

State	\$ 55,931.84
Federal	15,617.59
	<hr/> 71,549.43

Veterans Services	3,261.43
School Transportation	12,360.50
Support of Indigent Children	150.00
Temporary Aid and Transportation	234.00
High School Transportation	104.44

U. S. Grants

Aid to Dependent Children	1,857.00
Old Age Assistance	10,261.24
Aid to Dependent Children, State	1,294.39

Old Age Assistance	
State	15,739.14
Cities and Towns	742.56
Disability Assistance	
State	39.15
Federal	39.00
O. A. A. Recovery	384.87
Welfare	528.80
County Aid—Highways	3,999.67
County Dog Fund	469.68
Dog Licenses	559.60
Dog Officer Expense	24.00
Wild Cat Bounty	50.00
Payroll Deductions	
Federal Taxes	7,623.73
County Retirement System	814.44
Teachers Retirement System	1,820.28
Group Insurance	104.40
Blue Cross	655.75
Road Machinery Earnings	4,671.00
Selectmen's Licenses	1,385.63
State Peddlers License	24.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.15
Street Lights	393.00
Sale of Dog	3.00
Sale of Road Grader	60.00
School Lunch Program	
Local	7,498.74
State	4,019.83
Trust Fund Income	
Quintus Allen Fund	400.00
Merrifield Fund	2,000.00
Cemeteries—Meeting House	5.03
Denison	5.03
East Colrain	25.15
Browning	5.03
Tenney	2.51
Refunds :	
Phone Booth	6.81
Over Payment Schools	2.00
Town of Shelburne,	
Overpayment on Blue Cross	2.00
Cancelled Check, O. A. A. Federal	91.24

Cancelled Check, O. A. A. State	42.20	
Total Receipts	<u>          </u>	\$338,243.48
		<u>          </u>
		410,312.43
Total Payments		315,900.75
		<u>          </u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1956		\$ 94,411.68

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,

Treasurer.

## Board of Assessors' Report

Town appropriation voted since 1955	
tax rate was fixed	\$236,738.23
Western Franklin Veterans District	624.00
State Parks and Reservations	215.66
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	866.56
County Tax	8,283.78
County of Franklin Retirement System	1,043.30
Overlay of current year	5,139.97
Gross Amount to be raised	<u>          </u> \$258,580.24

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$ 12,564.60
Corporation Taxes	11,644.62
Reimbursement on account of publicly	
owned land	341.57
Old Age Tax (meals), Chapter 64B, S10	695.19
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,000.00
Licenses	1,500.00
General Government	400.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Charities (other than federal grants)	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	10,850.00
Veterans' Services	2,000.00
Schools (funds from Income Tax not to be	
included)	20,900.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	100.00
State Assistance for School Construction	
Chapter 645	4,200.00



Flood Relief 90%	5,101.87	
Overestimates of previous year to be used as		
available funds: A. County Tax	112.98	
B. State Parks and		
Reservations	34.48	
Voted from Reserve Fund:	57,191.60	
Total Estimated Receipts and		
Available Funds		\$141,539.45

## RECAPITULATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	\$230,734.00	
Machinery	35,123.00	
Live Stock	106,835.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	66,491.00	
Total value of Assessed		
Personal Estate		\$439,183.00

### REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$324,245.00	
Buildings exclusive of land	848,805.00	
Total Real Estate		\$1,173,050.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		\$1,612,233.00

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

No. of Horses Assessed	79
No. of Cows Assessed (Milch)	964
No. of Neat Cattle Assessed (one year	
old or over)	239
No. of Bulls Assessed	28
No. of Yearlings (Heifers)	281
Swine (6 months old or over)	17
Sheep (6 months old or over)	19
Fowl	26,273
All Other	86
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	25,741 1/2
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	392

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Date	Commitment No.	Cars Taxed	Commissioners Value	Excise Tax
Apr. 4, 1956	1	49	\$ 22,750.00	\$ 1,231.56
June 7, 1956	2	78	41,160.00	2,085.03
July 5, 1956	3	212	72,790.00	3,848.10
Aug. 8, 1956	4	97	27,320.00	1,266.33
Sept. 4, 1956	5	80	28,770.00	1,159.67

Nov. 7, 1956	6	162	64,290.00	2,935.36
Dec. 4, 1956	7	44	17,950.00	562.93
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		722	\$275,030.00	\$13,088.98

HAROLD L. ROBERTS, Chairman  
FRANK S. APTE  
ROBERT B. GOODELL  
Board of Assessors

## Tax Collector's Report

1954 Real Estate, Uncollected		\$	40.00
1955 Real Estate, Uncollected			587.05
1956 Poll			
Commitment per warrant		\$	962.00
Abatements	\$	172.00	
Payments to Treasurer		790.00	
1956 Personal			
Commitment per warrant			31,621.19
Abatements		1,749.60	
Payments to Treasurer		27,495.73	
1956 Personal, Uncollected			2,375.86
1956 Real Estate			
Commitment per warrant			84,459.70
Abatements		1,145.88	
Payments to Treasurer		76,810.96	
1956 Real Estate Uncollected			6,528.06
1956 Real Estate Overpayment refunded			25.20
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise			
Commitment per warrant			13,849.47
Abatements		282.35	
Payment to Treasurer		12,513.40	
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Uncollected			1,053.72

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE I. TETREAULT,  
Tax Collector.

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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As we come to the end of another year, I would like to submit this report to you, of the progress and condition of your local Fire Department.

The Firemen received 14 calls last year, including the usual run of fires: chimney, grass, and forest fires.

Our greatest loss last year was the home of John Dobias. This fire was not reported until the house was practically consumed, and the barn had ignited from the heat. Due to the tarpaper construction, nothing could be done to save the buildings.

Our Dodge high-pressure truck was used on this fire and was very effective.

Our equipment purchase has been limited this year to 500 feet of 1½" hose, 1 fog nozzle and 1 dry powder extinguisher.

Due to the installation of our Radio Base Station, and the new motor for the Dodge Fire Truck, it was necessary to cut the purchase of additional equipment.

The Firemen have reached the point where they feel they should be paid \$25 a year plus \$1.25 per hour for drills and fires.

This past year the Firemen's Association introduced an Ambulance Service in Colrain for the first time and it met with overwhelming approval. This project was kept independent from the town, with the total expense being handled by subscribers from Colrain, Heath and Leyden.

During the past year the state Civil Defense has placed much emphasis on the necessity of fire protection.

They have set up, in Sector 4D, a Civil Defense Fire Battalion which will be used in any emergency occurring in this area.

The Colrain Fire Department has been placed in the First Battalion, with Shelburne Falls and Greenfield, and will be called to activate immediately on the first alert.

Our Mutual Aid System will co-ordinate with the Civil Defense Battalion so that all towns will be properly covered in case any of their equipment is moved to another area.

With our new radio network we are able to keep in contact with all 43 Fire Departments in the system, as well as Mt. Toby Fire Tower and the state Civil Defense Headquarters. Thus in the past year, I feel that the Colrain Fire Department has come a long way in providing better and more efficient fire protection for Colrain and the surrounding area. Our most urgent need is more firemen.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON GRAY,  
Fire Chief

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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During the year of 1956 the Board of Health has continued to function in its usual manner. Various measures directed to the maintenance of the good health of all and general prevention of sickness as far as is possible, have been carried out. Inspections of milk, water and food supplies have been made. Standards of cleanliness in public places have been directed. Other functions of the department have been seen to as the occasion and circumstances demanded.

During the year there have been a variable number of communicable diseases reported including mumps, measles, chicken pox, scarlet fever, pneumonia, dysentery, meningitis and poliomyelitis. Under the auspices of the Board of Health the annual toxoid clinic was held and children attending were given immunizing injections of toxoid for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. It is to be noted that the trend of attendance at these clinics of recent years, has tended to drop off and this is largely because parents have been in realization of the importance of having their children immunized, and have had same done in the offices of their private physicians as the infants reach the age of three months instead of waiting for the annual clinic, as has been done in former years.

The problem of poliomyelitis was markedly different in 1956 as compared to the year of 1955. This year there were only two cases reported. By arrangements of the Board of Health programs for the administration of Salk vaccine for the prevention of poliomyelitis, were carried out. Vaccine used in the program conducted by this Board was obtained from the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health in accordance with regulations concerning the same by the United States Department of Public Health. During the year 1955, in accordance with the program then being promoted for the administration of Salk vaccine by the National Foundation of Poliomyelitis, vaccine was given to first and second grades; but because of regulations pertaining to the distribution and use of Salk vaccine, having to do with the law of supply and demand, these children as yet have not had their third or booster dose.

During the year of 1956 all children from the ages of four months through nineteen years of age have had the opportunity of receiving their first and second injections of Salk vaccine. The responses to these programs have been gratifying, however the number of immunizations is far from ideal. The administration of Salk vaccine to pregnant women was also made possible through the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth and your Board of Health locally.

Until quite recently there has been no Salk vaccine available for the use of physicians in their offices for the purpose of administration to pa-

tients on a private patient basis, however, that will not be the case in the future. The laws of supply at least for the present, have surpassed the demand and this is a healthy circumstance inasmuch as it will be possible for people to obtain injections of Salk vaccine from their family physician in such a manner as to make the injections most effective in the development of immunity.

Programs in the past due to circumstances, have been somewhat broken up and irregular and although it can be safely assumed that a very favorable degree of protection has been extended to all those having received the vaccine, nevertheless this is not the ideal manner of administration. The total number of infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant women who require the third or booster dose is well over 500. It is generally recommended also that all people up to the age of 50 should avail themselves of immunity against poliomyelitis by the administration of the first, second and booster doses of the vaccine.

The pre-school children's health conference was conducted as usual, and at this time we hereby extend our thanks to the members of the Parent Teacher's Association and others who were so helpful in conducting this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OLSON, M. D.,  
Agent, Board of Health.

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## DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

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Balance on hand — January 1, 1956	\$	558.94
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### Receipts:

Fees collected by nurse	\$	496.17
Fees paid by Colrain O.A.A.		53.25
Fees paid by Colrain, Veterans Benefit		54.00
Interest on Bonds		12.50
Total Receipts	—————	\$ 615.92
Cash on hand and receipts		1,174.86

### Disbursements:

Telephone	\$	18.00
Garage		24.00
Car Insurance and Registration		106.41
Car Expenses		302.12



Miscellaneous	48.86	
Total disbursements		\$ 499.39
Cash on hand		\$ 675.47
Invested in War Bonds		500.00
Total Assets, Dec. 31, 1956		\$ 1,175.47

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH W. COOMBS, Treasurer

## DISTRICT NURSE REPORT

The Colrain District Nursing Association has a contract with the Veterans Administration to provide nursing service to eligible veterans.

An agreement also is in effect with the Blue Cross—Blue Shield, for nursing service to eligible members enrolled under Blue Cross—Blue Shield Prolonged Illness Certificate.

The Association continues to have standard cod liver oil capsules, which are available to all families. These may be obtained from the district nurse.

	Cases	Visits
Therapeutic nursing	63	848
All others		22
Cases not at home		23
Maternity Service		
Antepartal	3	6
Postpartal	5	6
Health Guidance		
New born infants	4	9
Infants under one year	9	12
Preschool	19	34
School	57	126
Adult	9	21
Crippled Children's Service	5	21
Total	174	1128

### Other Services

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus Immunization Clinic—Number of Children attended	145
Well Child Conference—Number of	

children attended	121
Salk vaccine clinics for immunization to poliomye-	
litis—Number of inoculations given	
to children under 20 years old	561
Clinic Service and Transportation	Trips
Children home from school	1
Crippled Childrens Clinic—Greenfield	4
Crippled Childrens Treatment Center	
Shelburne Falls	3
Franklin County Public Hospital	5
Physician's office—Colrain	7
Physician's office—Greenfield	2
Dentist's office—Shelburne Falls	3
Dentist's office—Greenfield	4
Optometrist's office—Shelburne Falls	5
Greenfield Health Camp	2
Massachusetts Department of Public Health	
office—Amherst	1
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital—Jamaica Plains	1
With Colrain Ambulance	1

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

## Central Franklin Welfare District

Balance January 2, 1956		\$ 4,030.04
Receipts :		
Town of Shelburne	\$ 1,710.00	
Town of Colrain	840.00	
Town of Ashfield	450.00	
Administration O. A. A., U. S. Grant	2,566.25	
Administration A. D. C., U. S. Grant	622.88	
Administration D. A., U. S. Grant	252.62	
Administration State	2,444.12	
Retirement Deductions	307.24	
Withholding Tax Deductions	989.40	
Blue Cross Deductions	40.80	
Total		10,223.31
		<u>\$ 14,253.35</u>

Payments:

Salaries	\$ 6,141.53
Priscilla A. Doneilo, Treasurer	100.00
Travel Expense	98.91
Office Supplies and Expense	734.96
Rent	204.00
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Miscellaneous Expense	24.18
Car Insurance (Agent)	19.22
Retirement Assessment	401.70
Withholding Tax Deductions	989.40
Retirement Deductions	307.24
Blue Cross Deductions	40.80
Total Payments	<hr/> 9,071.94

Balance December 31, 1956 \$ 5,181.41

**Reconciliation of Bank Balance**

Bank Balance December 31, 1956	\$ 5,633.94
Checks outstanding December 31, 1956	452.53
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Check Book Balance December 31, 1956	\$ 5,181.41

PRISCILLA A. DONEILO, Treasurer.

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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To the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library:

Herewith is submitted the report of the Librarian for the year ending December 31, 1956.

During the year a total of 229 books were added to the general department of the Library. We have purchased 172 books, 71 adult fiction, 42 adult non-fiction and 59 juvenile. Gifts of 57 books have been received from the following people: Clarke Maynard, Mrs. Charles Mayer, Mrs. Philip Gammell, Mrs. Robert Wollenweber, Mrs. Mabel Litchfield, Mrs. Evelyn Pennegar, Donald Greason, Richard Winston and Rev. Robert Brightman. We have discarded 158 books. We were fortunate in securing a 1955 edition of Encyclopedia Britannica at a much reduced rate and have also purchased the following reference material: World Almanac, Information Please Almanac,

World Book Annual Supplement, Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Supplement to Fiction Catalog, Dictionary of English Usage, Standard Catalog for Public Libraries, Abridged Reader's Guide, Wilson Library Bulletin, A.L.A. Booklist with Subscription Books Bulletin and Public Library Service. In our magazine department we have added "Technik," a magazine devoted to photography, which we feel should be of interest to local photographers.

The Library circulation was 5,886, adult 2,951, juvenile 2,935, an increase of about 270 over last year. Bookmobile circulation was 4,295, adult 1,868, juvenile 2,427, making a total circulation in town of 10,181.

Reading certificates were given to the grades as follows: Grade IV, 12 Five-book, Grade V, 25 Five-book and 4 Honor, Grade VI, 27 Five-book and 4 Honor and Grade VIII, 16 Five-book, making a total of 90 Five-book and 8 Honor certificates.

The Book Committee has endeavored to select books covering as wide a range of subjects as possible and there have also been many requests made to the Regional Library.

In May, Mr. Amcott accompanied Grade VIII of Central School to the Library for an hour's instruction in the use of the card catalog and arrangement of books and the Librarian also gave them a brief talk on the history of the Library and its donor, Joseph Griswold, Jr. Also in May the Librarian attended the morning session of Connecticut Valley Library Club held in Greenfield Library.

In June a profitable evening was spent when a Book Weeding Session was held under the leadership of Miss Caroline Church and Miss Gwendolyn Vannah of the Regional Library Center. A practical demonstration followed the talk.

In November the Public Relations Committee sponsored a Sunday afternoon program when Donald Lillpop of Shelburne Falls gave a very interesting talk on his experience last summer at a German work camp, "Their Last Chance." The talk was accompanied by slides and was very well attended.

New children's books were on display during Book Week and early in December Miss Vannah spent a morning at the Library story telling and giving book reviews to the first four grades of Central School, at which time she had a very attentive audience. The children look forward to these story telling hours.

The new stacks in the basement built by the Trustees give much additional room for the overflow of books.

The Librarian wishes to express to the Trustees her appreciation for the interest they have taken in the welfare of the Library and the help that they have given her in her work.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. READ

Librarian.

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## Griswold Memorial Library Report

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### RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1956	\$ 700.56
Town of Colrain Appropriation	800.00
Town of Colrain Dog Tax Refund	469.68
Income from Bonds	339.15
From Maintenance Account	367.71
From Bonding Account	40.00
Clark Maynard for Books	6.80
Library Fines	24.03
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	\$ 2,747.93

### EXPENSES

Books and Magazines	\$ 599.98
Librarian	330.00
Janitor	176.25
Fuel	235.48
Light	92.20
Insurance	160.33
Maintenance	189.07
Misc. *	42.52
Balance on Hand January 1, 1957	922.10
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	\$ 2,747.93

\* Includes: Petty Cash, Bank Charges, Supplies, Fire District Tax

Respectfully submitted,

CARL V. SEWALL, Treas.



# ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUNDS

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1. Heath Road	\$ 1,289.46
2. Heath Road Branch	58.60
3. Thibideau Road	149.44
4. Charles Maxam Road	430.42
5. Cross Road	45.17
5½ Dwight Cross Road	217.02
6. Wilson Hill Road	1,938.33
7. Wilson Hill Branch Road	11.80
8. Nelson Purrington Road	35.40
9. Calvin Coombs Road	1,063.69
10. Adams Place Road	41.81
11. Thompson Road	2,866.20
12. Stranahan Road	138.36
13. A. W. Hillman Road	576.08
14. E. W. Clark Road	2,111.54
15. Christian Hill Road & Branches	1,633.23
16. Stetson Bros. Road	563.63
17. Adamsville Road	526.62
18. Crosier Road	0.00
19. White & Archanbo Road	143.59
20. Leon Herzig Road	23.60
21. Lively Road	11.80
22. Catamount Hill Road #1	812.58
23. Catamount Hill Road #2	58.00
24. Catamount Hill Branch Road	0.00
25. Charlemont Road	55.91
26. Stacey Road & Branches	140.99
27. Cross Road	261.92
28. Call Road	1,352.12
29. Main Road	0.00
30. Lyonsville Road	0.00
31. Foundry Village Road	138.30
32. York Road	195.93
33. Fairbanks Road	55.75
34. Franklin Hill Road	358.66
35. Jacksonville Road	265.88
36. Green River Road	1,603.63
37. Barber Hill Road	457.40
38. Halifax Road	73.33
39. Halifax Branch Road	14.67
40. New County Road	73.33
41. West Leyden Road	235.80

42. Greenfield Road	95.94
43A Shelburne Line Road	1,295.04
43B VanNeiss Road	933.46
44. Fort Lucas Road	222.46
45. East Colrain Road	1,450.77
46. Nelson Road	332.96
47. Shearer Road	215.63
48. Joe Jurek Road	194.76
49. Prolovich Road	2,314.60
50. Coombs Road	66.05
51. Riels Road	123.25
52. Griswoldville Road	0.00
53. Avery Hill Road	24.00
54. Coburn Road	0.00
55. River Street	0.00
56. Jesse Wood Road	14.14
57. Now Part of #55	0.00
58. Now Part of #3	0.00
59. Shattuckville Road	0.00
60. Collis Road	100.66
61. Schoolhouse Road	0.00
62. Cromack Road	141.05
63. Streeter Lane	0.00
64. Bennett and Galipo Road	28.01
65. Roberts Road	42.15

Totals	<u>\$ 27,624.02</u>
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ALLOTMENTS:

State	\$ 23,375.00
Town	4,250.00
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Total	\$ 27,625.00

# Veteran's Service Report

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To the Selectmen of Colrain:

Herewith is my twelfth annual report as Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent for the ten Towns of the Western Franklin District.

For the year 1956 requests for assistance at our office numbered Nine Hundred Sixty-two. According to our records these included Forty-One registrations for Selective Service, Thirty-Eight applications for Medical and Hospital treatment and Twelve requests for assistance with Veterans Administration pensions. Photostat work is still done on Tuesday of each week and a total of Twelve Hundred Thirty Seven prints were made in 1956.

Applicants receiving Veterans' Benefits under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended, have been fewer in number than in 1955, but the total cost was greater due to necessary Medical expenses. We have had thirty-one applications and at present have seventeen active cases. A total of Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Ninety-eight cents (\$23,392.98) was administered for the seven towns concerned.

Our files now contain the records of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven veterans of the Spanish War, World War One, World War Two, and Korea Periods. Work on the permanent records has been continued as time allowed during the past year and satisfactory progress has been made.

The total of our monthly administrative expense warrants for the past year is Five Thousand Ten Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$5,010.14). About Two Hundred Dollars less than the budget set up for 1956. The sum of Twenty-eight (\$28.25) Dollars and Twenty-five Cents was turned over to the Treasurer for outside Photostat work done at our office.

Assistance is still being furnished by the Veterans' Administrations Contact Representative, Mr. Edward A. O'Neil, and this greatly facilitates our dealings with the Government. The attendance of District Committeemen at the monthly meetings is encouraging and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,

Director and Veterans' Agent.

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District Report

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## Organization

J. Roger Smith, Chairman	Shelburne
Payson Stafford, Vice Chairman	Charlemont
Ralph W. Wells	Buckland
Robert J. Haeberle	Buckland
*Albert I. Pilkington	Buckland
*George L. Mirick	Buckland
Emma Vincent	Charlemont
James H. Cromack	Colrain
Russell C. Denison	Colrain
*Herman Foster	Colrain
Helen Stiles	Hawley
Carol Malone	Heath
*John Burnham	Shelburne
William K. Hefner	Shelburne

\*Resigned

To the Towns in The Mohawk Trail Regional School District:

This is the first annual report of The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee to the citizens of the six towns comprising the district. This year, being the year of our birth, progress has been rather slow but steady. We feel the committee as a whole has given unselfishly of its time and efforts. If mistakes have been made they were made only after many hours of deliberation and after all facts had been thoroughly sifted.

It is our sincere hope that The Mohawk Trail Regional High School will become a reality during the next twelve months. However, if it is to become a reality it will require the sincere efforts and sacrifice of all citizens in the six towns.

During the past year the committee visited several schools and interviewed a number of architects. Mr. Warren Ashley of West Hartford, Connecticut was finally chosen to draw plans for the new school. Mr. Ashley has an outstanding reputation nationally for the schools which he has designed.

The committee made the following appointments: Philip M. Hallowell, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Frederic P. Gray, Treasurer, Mrs. Esther T. Anderson, Clerk, and Mr. Donald Hillier, Attorney.

Dr. Herbert Bruner and his Associates of New York University were chosen as Educational Consultants.

The committee visited several sites and had engineering tests made on two of these sites. The red brick schoolhouse site in East Charlemont was finally chosen as the most suitable site for the region.

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Year 1956

#### Receipts:

Town of Shelburne	\$	807.91	
Town of Buckland		790.10	
Town of Colrain		766.34	
Town of Charlemont		314.85	
Town of Heath		166.34	
Town of Hawley		154.46	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00
Anticipation Serial Loan			25,000.00
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			\$ 28,000.00

#### Disbursements:

Salary Superintendent	\$	200.00	
Telephone		87.18	
Bond-Treasurer		19.00	
Salary Treasurer		100.00	
Salary Secretary		291.75	
Office Supplies		42.53	
Postage		11.14	
Land Survey		71.05	
Legal Expense		93.75	
Seal		45.47	
Committee Expense		151.77	
Operating Expense		<hr/>	\$ 1,113.64
Test Borings	\$	2,358.00	
Educational Consultants		1,200.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,558.00
Total Disbursements		<hr/>	\$ 4,671.64
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956			\$ 23,328.36

During 1957 the committee is obligated to pay approximately \$12,800 out of the above balance to the architect, educational consultants, land surveys, and land appraisals.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MOHAWK TRAIL  
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### COMMITTEE

James H. Cromack, Chairman	Term Expires 1958
Raymond Nichols, Secretary	Term Expires 1959
Louise B. O'Brien	Term Expires 1957

### SUPERINTENDENT

Philip M. Hollowell	57 Bridge Street
Telephone MADison 5-6326	Shelburne Falls

### SECRETARY

Pearl B. Rand	Buckland
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### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

John H. Olson, M. D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Hazel Pickwell, R. N.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1957

### Buckland — Colrain — Shelburne

#### FIRST WINTER TERM — 7 weeks:

Opens—Wednesday, January 2, 1957

Closes—Friday, February 15, 1957

Vacation, one week

#### SECOND WINTER TERM — 8 weeks:

Opens—Monday, February 25, 1957

Closes—Thursday, April 18, 1957

Vacation, one week

#### SPRING TERM — 8 weeks:

Opens—Monday, April 29, 1957

Closes—Friday, June 14, 1957

Wednesday, June 19, 1957

Memorial Day

High School

Elementary School

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Year Ending December 31, 1956

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Recommended Budget 1957
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
School Office	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,612.20	\$ 1,600.00
Supt.'s Salary	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,400.00
Other Expenses	250.00	246.79	260.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Supervisors' Salaries	2,500.00	2,504.72	2,560.00
Supervisors' Other Expenses	125.00	117.20	125.00
Teachers' Salaries	33,000.00	32,102.08	34,200.00
Substitutes	450.00	420.00	500.00
Textbooks	700.00	533.57	700.00
Supplies	1,600.00	1,738.11	1,700.00
<b>EXPENSES OF OPERATION</b>			
Wages of Janitors, etc.	3,000.00	3,014.53	3,100.00
Fuel	1,800.00	1,358.01	1,700.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	1,782.09	1,600.00
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Repairs, Replace, etc.	700.00	857.18	1,200.00
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES</b>			
Libraries	100.00	160.41	100.00
Health	200.00	160.29	200.00
Transportation			
High (other)	4,600.00	4,605.10	4,900.00
Elementary (within)	9,400.00	9,187.00	9,400.00
Tuition Elem.			
High	20,600.00	22,232.76	26,300.00
Miscellaneous	2,100.00	2,014.38	2,100.00
New Equipment	250.00	52.57	100.00
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	\$86,625.00	\$87,540.83	\$95,400.00
Transferred from			
Voc. Education	1,200.00		
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	\$87,825.00		

VOCATIONAL			
EDUCATION	\$ 7,500.00		
Transferred to Regular	1,200.00		
Budget	\$ 6,300.00	5,675.42	4,100.00
Reimbursement from State		6,431.42	
Net Gain		\$ 756.00	
QUINTUS ALLEN FUND	\$ 1,574.91	440.05	

### Reimbursements

From State Treasurer		
Transportation, High & Elementary	\$12,360.50	
General School Fund, Chapter 70	10,568.09	
Superintendent of Schools	1,244.49	
Elementary Tuition and Transportation	1,401.04	
High Transportation	104.44	
Total Receipts for 1956		\$25,678.56
From Town Funds		61,862.27
Special School Lunch		
Lunchroom Sales	\$ 7,778.42	
USDA Claims	4,019.83	
		\$11,798.25
Expenditures		11,366.81
Balance		\$ 431.44

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. CROMACK, Chairman  
RAYMOND E. NICHOLS, Secretary  
LOUISE O'BRIEN

### Towns Without High Schools

Per Pupil Expenditure (Colrain) compared with the (State Avg.)  
School Year ending June 30, 1956

	Colrain		State	
	Per Pupil Cost	Per cent	Per Pupil Cost	Per Cent
General Control	13.69	4.8	13.27	4.2
Salaries	116.90	41.2	141.31	44.2
Textbooks	1.91	.8	4.46	1.4
Supplies	6.50	2.4	6.93	2.2

Janitor Service, Fuel and Miscellaneous	23.39	8.3	29.13	9.1
Repairs, Replacement and Up-keep	3.94	1.3	8.08	2.5
Libraries	.78	.2	.31	.1
Health	.54	.2	3.52	1.1
Transportation	47.36	16.6	45.82	14.3
Tuition	61.92	21.8	63.42	19.9
Physical Education	0	0	.46	.1
School Lunch	6.50	2.2	1.26	.4
Miscellaneous	.58	.2	1.42	.5
	<hr/> 284.01	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 319.39	<hr/> 100

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## Report of School Superintendent

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I hereby submit my sixth annual report as Superintendent of the Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne Public Schools.

With a common high school I shall direct some of my thoughts to all three towns and deviate in some areas which apply only to certain towns.

"Education is a friend which no misfortune can depress, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate, no despotism enslave. At home, a companion; abroad, an introduction; in solitude, a solace; and in society, an ornament. Without it, what is man? — a spendid slave, a reasoning savage."

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The above quotation certainly is a wonderful description of what we mean by education. Let us never forget that our whole system of democratic government and our world of free men has its very foundation in our public school system. As we face the future with our ever expanding scientific progress and the world shrinking in size daily, we must have more and better educated people if we, as a nation, are to solve all the problems at home and abroad.

Why do we need more and better schools? Why should our schools cost more today than in the past?

The following facts are quoted from an editorial in the Boston Herald dated January 12, 1955.

1. As of July 1, 1952 there were 33.1 million school age (5-17) children. Two years later there were 36.0 million. By July 1,

1965 there may be 48.1 million representing a 33.6 per cent increase in 11 years.

2. A depression and a war gave us a 14 year period during which few schools were built or renovated.
3. We are educating more people. 86.1 per cent of the present school-age population is enrolled in the schools as compared with 72.4 per cent in 1900.
4. The pupil-teacher ratio country-wide today is 28 to one. In 1900 it was 38 to one. The ideal ratio should be 25 to one.
5. More subjects are being taught today which demand more classrooms.

### Regional Planning

Since my last report the towns of Buckland and Shelburne have taken significant steps toward the planning of modern elementary educational facilities. Last January the towns voted to regionalize on the elementary level. Since that time the school committees of each town have been working with Mr. Bernard Dirks of Greenfield in planning a modern school for the two towns.

I believe regionalization is the best method of handling the elementary school program for Buckland and Shelburne for the following reasons.

1. The state will contribute 35% toward the cost of a new school rather than 23% which would be the case if either town built its own facilities.
2. The major portion of the two towns' school population is separated only by a narrow river.
3. It would avoid duplication in cafeteria facilities, playrooms, heating plant equipment, and personnel.
4. I believe state aid of the future will continue to emphasize regionalization.

In addition to the above planning the towns of Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne voted to regionalize with the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, and Heath on the secondary level. This committee, too, has been working diligently wrestling with the many problems which have confronted it in planning a new facility for the pupils on the secondary level. This type of project moves much more slowly, as naturally it should. Any group can plan an ordinary school but making plans for a school which will fit the pattern of education for several decades requires much thought. When the committee has finished its task they are confident it will be a school of which the communities will be



proud and one which will satisfy our changing methods of education during the next twenty-five to fifty years.

### **Higher Education**

Today more and more of our young people are going beyond high school to what we call higher education to prepare themselves for life. As our economic system continues on a high plane more and more parents are anxious to see that their children have a better education than they themselves have had.

This raising of the level of education of all is a most healthy goal in our democracy. We are now reaping the inadequacies of our education of the depression years and war years, through the shortage not only of trained teachers but engineers, nurses, professional people, and tradesmen. Wouldn't it have been wiser for us as a nation to have thought of our human resources twenty years ago when our colleges and trade schools were scarcely self supporting due to the low enrollments? Do we need to give more thought to providing for higher education to those pupils today who are economically unable to go beyond high school? Is it a human resource which we will regret not having developed twenty years from now?

Recently one of the men who is involved in this planning for higher education gave a talk on some of the factors which make for success in college. They are as follows.

#### **1. Home Environment**

- (a) Failure in college is not due as much to lack of ability as it is to internal conflicts within a person. Many people are capable of succeeding in college but are not able to because of internal conflicts formed by the family at an early age.
- (b) Success in a college career depends upon a well organized and sympathetic home.

#### **2. School Environment**

- (a) The curriculum should be flexible and standards should be set up.
- (b) Students must be well trained in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- (c) Pupils should have ability to observe, have imagination, and should receive proper physical training.
- (d) The school should have a well organized guidance program and a faculty that understands and is understood by youth.

### 3. The Student Himself

- (a) What does he know about himself?
- (b) How does he adjust away from home?
- (c) Is he ambitious?
- (d) What does he stand for?
- (e) Ability to develop
  - (a) work habits
  - (b) budget time wisely
- (f) He should have ability to read with greater speed and comprehension, be able to express himself in good form, and be organizational in thinking.

At the end of the 1956-57 school year the Shelburne School Committee was confronted with five teacher resignations at Arms Academy. Mr. Dana Drew who had served as principal for two years also resigned to accept a position in Manchester, Massachusetts. Mr. John Thompson who has taught a number of years at Arms and had also been Guidance Director was promoted to the principalship. While it is impossible to prevent vacancies on school faculties due to the teacher shortage we must make certain that our salary schedules are adequate to replace these teachers with competent people.

The Agricultural Shop classes continue to be held outside the general school area at Arms.

Classes in adult sewing and typing have been offered at Arms during the past year and have proved to be most satisfactory. Two hundred dollars from Federal funds were allocated to the sewing classes from January to June and \$150. from September to December. The net cost of the first two classes to the Town of Shelburne was \$40.45.

We have had twenty three people enrolled in an adult typing class this fall. A total of \$155. has been collected in tuition. This will nearly pay for the cost of instruction which is the major cost in any educational program.

The tuition rates for Arms Academy during the year 1957 will remain at the following rates.

Academic	\$375.00
Agriculture	305.00
Household Arts	285.00

During the last legislative session a minimum salary law of \$3000. for beginning teachers was passed. The three school committees of Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne adopted the following salary schedule which went into effect September 1, 1956.

Increment Steps	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree Plus 16 hrs.	Master's Degree	Master's Degree Plus 16 hrs.
1	\$3000	\$3200	\$3400	\$3600
2	3200	3400	3600	3800
3	3400	3600	3800	4000
4	3600	3800	4000	4200
5	3800	4000	4200	4400
6	4000	4200	4400	4600
7	4200	4400	4600	4800
8	4300	4500	4700	4900

1. Steps on the salary schedule shall be interpreted as increments for satisfactory service and not as the total number of years of teaching experience.

2. The School Committee reserves the right to deviate from the salary schedule when it appears to them in the best interest of the school.

3. Increments shall be \$200 per year through Step 7 and \$100 for Step 8. The School Committee reserves the right to withhold any increment providing the work of the previous year has not been satisfactory. If at any time an increment is not granted the teacher is entitled to a hearing before all members of the School Committee.

4. Ten years of accredited experience shall be accepted in lieu of a Bachelor's degree.

5. A teacher, to be eligible for salary increments, must complete two semester hours of approved study or its equivalent every two years after reaching Step 3 on the schedule. Maximum salaries may be reduced if reasonable professional improvement is not continued.

6. The present sick leave of ten days per year, cumulative to forty-five days shall be continued. A physician's certificate may be requested after ten days absence.

7. For the purpose of putting this salary schedule into effect teachers already in the union shall not be advanced more than \$200 in any one year.

Again the Town of Colrain has been most fortunate in having a stable faculty in its elementary school. Contrast this with pupils in another town where the children have had three different teachers during the period of one year.

January, 1957 will mark the fifth year that the pupils of Colrain have been in the Colrain Central School. The school represents an investment of which we can all be proud. If the school is to be kept in its present condition more money must be spent in maintenance. Beginning with this year a systematic program of painting and reconditioning should be started and continued on a yearly basis. In this way the building will always look like new with a minimum of expenditure in any one year.

During the past year a new 30 cu. ft. refrigerator was installed in the cafeteria. The old refrigerator was not of sufficient size to care for storage of supplies.

I wish at this time to thank all those people who have helped to make the past school year both helpful and profitable for the pupils of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP M. HALLOWELL,

Superintendent of Schools

## Report of School Organization

Teacher	Training	Appointed	Exper.	Salary	Assignment
Raymond Amnott	Aroostook S. N. (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '49	24	\$4,097.97	Principal, Gr. 7
Marian T. Byron	N. A. Normal (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '50	19	3,666.64	Gr. 6
Helen Carpenter	Summer Courses	Sept. '54	10	3,066.72	Remedial Work
Lyndal C. Denison	N. Adams Normal (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '46	16	3,666.64	Gr. 4
Muriel W. Miller	Worcester (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '47	14	3,566.56	Gr. 2
Dorothy B. Quinn	Fitchburg (3 yr. Diploma)	Nov. '49	11	3,466.72	Gr. 5
Ruby L. Root	North Adams (Summer Courses)	Sept. '47	18	3,666.64	Gr. 3
John J. Shea	Vesper George (Diploma)	Sept. '47	9	935.44	Art
Stanley H. Smithers	B. S.—Syracuse University	Sept. '46	17	1,119.28	Music
Alice G. Streeter	North Adams (Summer Courses)	Jan. '52	14	3,266.80	Gr. 1
Gertrude M. Streeter	Westfield (2 yr. Diploma)	Sept. '49	24	3,666.64	Gr. 8



**TOWN OF COLRAIN**  
**MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1956**

**AGE (Boys)**

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Totals
1	1	9	1								11
2		2	11	4							17
3			4	8	2						14
4				1	12	3					16
5					4	10	1				15
6						4	9				13
7								8	4	1	13
8								4	9	4	17
Total	1	11	16	13	18	17	10	12	13	5	116

**AGE (Girls)**

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Totals
1	2	10									12
2		2	14	1							17
3			2	12	2						16
4				2	11			1			14
5					5	7	1	1			14
6					1	5	18	1	1		26
7							2	11	3		16
8								4	9	1	14
Total	2	12	16	15	19	12	21	18	13	1	129

**SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1956**

Ages	5-7	7-14	14-16	Totals
Boys	28	98	22	148
Girls	29	113	16	158
Totals	57	211	38	306

# Report of Principal of Colrain Central School

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I hereby submit my fourth annual report as principal of Colrain Central School.

School opened September 5th with 245 pupils in attendance. By grades they are distributed as follows: Grade 1 (23); Grade 2 (34); Grade 3 (30); Grade 4 (30); Grade 5 (29); Grade 6 (39); Grade 7 (29); Grade 8 (31).

We are again fortunate in having the same school personnel as last year. Our teachers are well-suited to their respective grades and are doing excellent work. Our custodian, George Call, is still doing an outstanding job of keeping our building and grounds in good condition. Our dietician, Mrs. Marion Call, is very efficiently taking care of the cafeteria.

Our educational program is progressing satisfactorily. I believe that the progress is due in large part to the fact that our teachers have been with us for some time and get to know the needs of each individual child in order that a satisfactory course of study may be offered.

The health of our children is very capably supervised by our school physician, Dr. John H. Olson and our school nurse, Mrs. Hazel Pickwell. Because of their efforts we are made conscious of physical defects and the advantages of taking corrective measures to improve our health and that of our children. That our children are reasonably healthy is attested to by their school attendance. For the past five years the school attendance has been well over 90% which I feel is a high average.

The school's dental hygiene program has improved considerably the past year. The number of children receiving proper dental care has nearly doubled. However, there is still room for improvement. Our records show that more than 50% of our children do not visit a dentist. It should be the goal of parents and teachers to have all children receive proper dental attention.

We have an excellent school that is staffed with competent teachers. But there is one phase of education in which we are lacking: a well-integrated physical education program. I believe I have mentioned this before in one of my reports. I firmly believe that such a program would be worthwhile in both benefit and enjoyment gained by the children. Some effort is made by our teachers toward physi-

cal education but a much better program would result if it were planned and supervised by a teacher especially trained in that area. Such a program would include every child in the school and not just those with some special physical ability.

One cannot emphasize too much the importance of teaching in the home, church, and community at large. It is in the home and church that good qualities of character such as honesty and good-neighborliness are taught. In the light of world conditions today, these qualities have need of emphasis. We also should broaden our horizon to greater distances than just our own community. Our neighbor is anyone with whom we come in contact and in this day of fast communication he could easily be one from another country. It would seem then that the problem of educating our children is not only the work of the school but is the concern of all, the school, the home, the church, and any other organization with which the child comes in contact. Time has proved that a proper education is highly worthwhile and absolutely necessary if democracy is to survive. Therefore, we must forever strive to give our children the best education possible.

To our Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee, I wish to extend my appreciation for their timely help and guidance; to the citizens of Colrain, my thanks for their continued support; to a corps of outstanding teachers my heartfelt gratitude for being co-operative and helpful in maintaining a "functional institution of learning."

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND AMNOTT, Principal

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## Report of Principal Arms Academy

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To Superintendent Philip M. Hallowell:

This report will be brief, touching only on aspects of the operation of Arms Academy since September of this year.

**ATTENDANCE:** Two hundred seventy-five pupils have been enrolled since the beginning of school in September. The attendance for the year to date has averaged slightly over ninety-seven per cent, the best record in several years. Sixty-four girls and fifty-eight boys were neither absent nor tardy during the first quarter.

**THE FACULTY:** The rapid turnover in our Faculty continues to be a major problem. This fall we had a total of eight changes in our teaching staff. Two members were moved to different assignments, and six new people were hired to replace teachers who resigned at the end of last year. This is a serious problem, as it takes time for anyone to adjust to a new situation. Fortunately, we do have a small core of very able teachers and staff members who have been with us for several years and who are extremely loyal and devoted to the school.

**THE DEPARTMENTS:** As a rule, enrollments in the various departments fluctuates some from year to year. At present it is higher than usual in the Industrial Arts and College Preparatory courses, and lower in the Agriculture and Household Arts departments.

The decrease in enrollment in the Agriculture department was pronounced enough to make it necessary to transfer one teacher out of the department. Consequently, for the first time in many years, we now have only one man teaching agriculture. A few years ago our Household Arts department became a one-teacher station. The increase in the Preparatory course resulted mainly from an unusually large number of freshmen enrolling in this department. Probably this was partially stimulated by the nationwide attention placed upon the desirability of a college education. This is true for some people, but certainly not for all. In today's world many types of skills are needed, and at Arms we have a wide variety of curricula which are more adapted to the needs of many of our students than is the College Preparatory course.

**ATHLETICS and FINANCES:** The values derived from a strong extracurricular program are apparent to almost everyone; the growing problems of how to finance this program are not so well known. This task is becoming increasingly more difficult, due to several factors. Among these are a decrease in spectator interest in local athletics due to television of major intercollegiate games, and to an educationally sound policy of eventually playing all Tuesday basketball games in the afternoon rather than at night.

In spite of generous support by the townspeople of our magazine drive and Booster Day activities, the students' payment of Association dues and their sale of ice cream and candy, we continue to have a yearly athletic deficit. This condition is not peculiar to our situation, as most schools in the valley have to augment their gate receipts with money from other sources. In fact, two schools with whom we have athletic relations in three sports now have town appropriations for athletics of \$4500 and \$3500, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. THOMPSON, Principal

## ARMS ACADEMY GRADUATES

### CLASS OF 1956

#### Agriculture

Royal Calvin Call	Gordon Keith Giffin
Vernon Robert Caswell	Felix Ely Lively
Francis William Crowning- shield	David Harris Paye
David Thurlow Galbraith	Francis Merrill Pike
	David William Purrington
	Raymond Louis Roberts

#### Commercial

Judith Arlene Bailey	Robert Eugene Joy
Marjorie Anne Bellor	Margaret Catherine Lillpopp
Sandra Elizabeth Brewer	John Roderick March
James Francis Downing	Sandra Lee Martin
Beverly Ann Goldthwaite	Barbara Ann Mayberry
Marie Amy Gould	Sandra Anne O'Neill
Nancy Marie Graves	Sandra Mae Rogalski
Sandra Lea Hawes	Donna Mae Scott
	Ruth Evelyn Snow

#### General

(Includes graduates who have taken combinations of other curricula)

Martin Tyler Bird	Beverly Catherine Terrill
Judith Elaine Bourassa	Gordon Thomas Valiton
Robert Earle Elwell	James Harrison Williams
Richard Norman Schnell	Mary Elizabeth Wright

#### Industrial Arts

James Earl Billiel	Norman Ralph Sessions
Neil Conrad Thompson	

#### Preparatory

Avery Wallace Bates	Kenneth Edgar Kendrick
Sandra Pauline Brand	Ralph Arnold King
Robert Bruce Churchill	Marjorie Ellen Lively
Nina Crafts	Jeanne Frances O'Brien
Brian Alfred Donelson	Joan Carolyn Olson
Robert Lincoln Donelson	Abner William Peck
Gertrude Elizabeth Eliot	Judith Mae Phillips
Sandra Carolyn Frude	Mary Elizabeth Pilkington
Francis Paul Gavin	Stephen Dana Sewall
Eugene Raymond Hill	Patricia Rose Shippee
James Michael Hill	Charles Louis Upton
Richard Collins Hoyt	Russell Alan Wissman



# MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music in the Buckland, Colrain and Shelburne Schools.

In preparing this report, I would like to list a few very excellent benefits that every child can receive from a well balanced music education. In listing these benefits I refer to a booklet prepared by The American Music Conference:

## 1. Music Makes Life More Enjoyable

The pleasure of hearing fine melodies and of expressing oneself on an instrument are among life's greatest satisfactions.

## 2. Music Builds Character

It broadens the mind's reach and brings the child close to the noblest of man's expression.

## 3. Music Makes Good Citizens

It develops worth-while interests and stimulates co-operative effort toward constructive goals.

## 4. Music Teaches Values that are the Foundation of American Life

It demands one's best effort and it teaches discipline, teamwork and adherence to purpose.

## 5. Music Improves the Mind

It is one of the best subjects for teaching co-ordination of thought and action.

## 6. Music Develops Companionship and Good Will

Singing or playing instruments together brings people closer. It makes good friends, binds family ties tighter, and creates understanding between peoples.

## 7. Music Teaches Democracy

Ability and enjoyment from playing instruments and singing know no class, creed or racial distinction. It is truly the Universal language.

For all these reasons, music is a basic part of every child's education.

The music program in the elementary grades is being continued along the same lines as in the past. Learning to sing, self expression and rhythmic activity are stressed in the lower grades. Performing, listening and music reading are the areas of musical experiences on up through the grades. Part singing is stressed in the upper grades.

The pre-band work on the tonette is still in progress in all of the fourth grades. In the fifth grade instrumental instruction is begun with free school lessons. I would like to urge even more parents to avail their children of this opportunity.

The Union Elementary Band performed at the graduation exercises. A similar program is being carried on this year also. The Girls' Glee Clubs and other choral groups from all of the towns made several public appearances during the year.

There are at present 75 students; Buckland 20, Colrain 37, Shelburne 18, taking instrumental lessons and in most cases are making satisfactory progress. I would welcome any new students who would like to learn to play an instrument.

The Arms Academy Band has 44 members at present. Of this number 12 are Colrain students, 10 Buckland, and 22 Shelburne. The band participated in the following events during the past year: All football games, Booster Day Rally, Franklin County Fair, Senior Play, Basketball Tournament at Amherst, Western Massachusetts Music Festival, Memorial Day (Colrain), the Annual Spring Concert, and Graduation.

Four Arms students participated in the All State Concert in Pittsfield, three in the chorus and one in the band.

Once again the twirlers performed capably during the year. They work hard and faithfully and deserve a lot of credit.

The Arms Chorus numbered about 120 members and performed well in their public appearances.

For the continued support of the teachers, school officials, and townspeople, I am grateful.

STANLEY H. SMITHERS  
Supervisor

# ART SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Art for the Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne Schools.

I hope this report will prove of value to teachers, parents, and townspeople to answer this question: What kind of art activities are best suited to the creative development of boys and girls?

## TYPES OF EXPERIENCES

Let us examine some types of experiences that may generate creative work in art.

### Experiences That Center Around Self

The child is egocentric for a long period of time. He thinks of himself, he thinks of what is his own, he thinks of his immediate family, his pets, his toys, his clothes. Activities related to play or to family life or to the child himself, are experiences which the child recognizes as his own and he responds to them willingly and effectively.

### Experiences That Center Around Materials and Tools

Young people need to act, to be involved in and with, to be using, to be definitely related to, whatever activity may be happening at the time. They learn best by doing. Children learn what happens when colors run together by being permitted to paint freely one color next to another; he learns that certain materials are hard and that some are soft by handling them; he learns that clay responds to the pressure of his hands and fingers by handling clay. As the child grows and learns to coordinate his physical being, he also learns to handle the crayon, the brush, the knife, the hammer and other simple tools more effectively to accomplish the things he wishes to accomplish.

### Experiences That Center Around the Life of Enjoyment

Experiences that should generate genuine enjoyment or appreciation may include a variety of "looking at" games that involve the enjoyment of reproductions of paintings especially adapted to children; or real toys, animals, trees; or a combination of music and readings descriptive to the subject suggested. Work produced by other children may serve the purpose of teaching and of the deference that every individual has toward his fellows.

### Experiences That Center Around Independent Work

Freedom and responsibility go together. This freedom can be realized when young people sense the fact that there are laws that govern it; that we are free only to the extent to which we submit to the

natural laws surrounding us. Eventually every school child must work independently, on his own, without classmates or teacher helping him. Through this experience, he learns to free himself by conquering problems, materials, and tools. He realizes then that he is a successful entity, that he accomplished this on his own. This thrill of accomplishment is of inestimable value in the growth of every individual.

### **Experiences That Center on Experimentation**

Children are extremely inquisitive. They want to know what makes things grow, what causes a rainbow and the reason for similar phenomena. It is this spirit of inquiry that needs fostering to achieve the highest forms of creative art. The more inquisitive the mind, the more highly creative are the potentialities of the individual. On occasions, the experiences in art should be of an experimental nature.

### **Experiences That Center Around Social Values**

Social value experiences are the outgrowth of play and other relationships which involve other children. In mural painting, or other group projects, children learn to share ideas, to share space, to value someone else's opinion, to express one's self honestly, and to be polite. These are social virtues that are best learned through practice. They also have a relationship to the development of integrity and honesty. These qualities are reflected in the work that children produce if allowed to work uninhibited.

### **Experiences That Center in Problem Solving**

If children are left to their own devices they will tend to do repeatedly the things that please them but not the things that present obstacles. We know, however, that life is not that way, therefore, experiences based on problems to be solved have very significant values. As simple a problem as "how shall we arrange the flowers in the vase," or "how shall we arrange the drawing papers on the bulletin board," or "what colors would be most appropriate for the party," etc., are examples of significant problem-solving experiences. In the final analysis life is made up of similar situations.

### **Conclusion**

Creative work may be approached from the standpoint of the normal activities related to the home, the school, the community, religion, play, etc. These areas may be broken down into specific activities depending on the age level of the child and in relation to other subject fields of the curriculum.

There is much motivating material to be derived from subject matter which has the child's current interest: the fields of literature, science, geography, etc. A proper amount of time should be devoted to art activities which draw on the imagination of the child.

I believe that I have answered this question in terms of experiences that are vital, meaningful, and appropriate to their psychologi-

cal and chronological level. Freedom, cooperation and restraint, have a place in the education of children. Creative development flourishes best under the encouragement of sympathetic, understanding, and creative teachers. As a teacher I am more concerned with what happens to the child while he is experiencing art, than with the final product of art activities. As the child grows, as he gains control over tools and materials, as he discovers techniques, and as his mind unfolds, the product will find its own refinements and aesthetic levels.

I wish to thank the teachers for their support, and the parents, pupils and townspeople for their continued cooperation.

JOHN J. SHEA,  
Supervisor

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## SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

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The usual weights and measures of all children have been taken, assisted by the teachers. The audiometer tests were given early in the spring with few defects noted. The Massachusetts Vision Test was given this fall. Parents have been notified of hearing and visual defects, and corrections are being made.

Miss Genevieve Ely, dental hygienist from the Connecticut Valley District of Mass. Dept. of Public Health, has examined the school children for dental caries, and has encouraged them to visit their family dentists, and to have better dental health.

Children in the fifth grade, last spring, were given the opportunity to receive sodium fluoride treatments to their teeth, given by Miss Genevieve Ely. Most of the children received the treatment. They also received the treatment when in the second grade.

The clinic for immunization to diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus was at the school in the spring. One hundred forty-five school and pre-school children attended. All children who entered the first grade have received the immunization.

A three day Well Child Conference was conducted at the school for all pre-school children June 18, 19, and 20, with the cooperation and assistance of the Parent Teachers Association, parents, and other interested people. Dr. John Olson was the attending physician, and Mrs. Vesta Coombs was the nutritionist. One hundred twenty-one children attended. Sixty per cent of the enrolled first grade attended the conference.



During the year, at several clinics conducted at the school, five hundred sixty-one Salk Vaccine inoculations have been given by Dr. John Olson, assisted by local personnel, to pre-school and school children from three months through nineteen years of age. This has included first and second inoculations to children whose parents have given their consent.

The physical examinations were given by Dr. John Olson, in the fall, to all children in grades 1, 5, and 8. Parents were notified of defects.

### **Accomplishments**

- 1 child taken home from school
- 5 children taken to the Crippled Children's Clinic—Greenfield
- 1 child taken to the Crippled Children's Treatment Center—Shelburne Falls
- 1 child taken to a dental clinic—Greenfield
- 3 children taken to an optometrist—Shelburne Falls
- 1 child taken to a doctor's office—Greenfield
- 8 children were taken to a dentist—Shelburne Falls
- 4 children were taken to a doctor's office—Colrain
- 2 children were taken home from a doctor's office—Colrain
- 1 boy and 1 girl were taken to the Greenfield Health Camp

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

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## **SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT**

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Pupils of the first, fourth and eighth grades were examined in the usual manner in the facilities provided for this purpose in our school. These examinations were held by the school physician and school nurse.

Reports of defects were noted and sent to the parents.

Booster injections of the triple toxoid were given to all the pupils who needed them at the time of the regular annual toxoid clinics which were held in the First Aid room of the school.

Administration of Salk vaccine to all the children in the public school whose parents have requested the same, has been carried out. These children have now had their first and second doses. Majority of the children will be eligible for their third or booster dose in February, 1957. Parents are urged to see that their children avail themselves of this important injection.

There have been a few instances of children having had to be taken home because of illness during the school year. There have been several injuries occurred among the school children during their activities of play in the schoolyard but these have been of a minor nature.

I might mention at this time that the program of insurance covering the cost of medical care for accidental injuries to the children, has been most effective and it is recommended that this program be continued.

The general health and nutrition of most of the pupils continues to be favorable. I think the program of hot lunches in our school is very commendable and I feel that this has done considerable towards the promotion of growth and development and the maintenance of good health among our school children.

It is with great satisfaction I submit this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OLSON, M. D.,  
School Physician.





